

# Inter Office Memo



Consumer Electronics Division

To: ATTENDEES

From: A. Leon *A. Leon*

Subject: NEW SELF-CENTERING ANALOG CONTROLLER KICK OFF  
MEETING

Date: 4/13/83

S. Upjohn of domestic marketing generated a summary Product Requirement Statement for 5100/5200 New Controller. This meeting was called to discuss engineering's position to design, develop the requested new controller within the limits specified by marketing.

The meeting started at 10:15 A.M. The attendees were:

C. Asher  
A. Leon  
B. Mizerek  
D. Kramer  
J. Jessep  
M. Biasotti  
A. DeSchweinitz  
S. Upjohn

## SUMMARY OF MEETING

### 1. Approaches

3 Approaches were identified.

- A. With present tooling, aim for improved cost performance ratio.
- B. With new design (new tooling) aim for low cost high reliability and high performance.
- C. Total new radical design (pistol grip etc.....).

### 2. Cost

The cost limitation of \$3.50 each is thought to be possible with approaches A and B. However, C. Asher felt the pistol grip will cost more than the \$3.50/each limit.

Discussion on the cable cost indicated that cables made in U.S. costs around \$3.00 each whereas cables made in Taiwan cost around \$1.50.

### 3. Schedule

- 1. If the design requires new tooling, an estimated "production tool ready" time is = FEB 1984. This is not acceptable to Marketing.
- 2. A. DeSchweinitz will assist and look into internal soft tool capabilities.



Schedule (cont.)

3. If approach A is used, then target ship date of Dec. 1983 requested by marketing is possible.

4. Marketing Technical Requirements

In the course of design, marketing requests that engineering should look into the following:

1. More tactile feed on the fire button.
2. No rubber boot.
3. Ergonomics as much as possible (human Engineering).
4. If time is available, investigate the following:
  - a. gating alternatives.
  - b. on/off self centering selection.
5. Frame design should be flexible to include future digital 3600.

5. Engineering Position

1. M. Biasotti and C. Asher have agreed to get together and generate an analysis of the 3 approaches identified in section 1. Analysis will include schedule, cost and what's involved.
2. This analysis will be distributed to the attendees on May 4, 1983.
3. Follow up meeting is scheduled for Friday May 6, 1983. A. Leon will sent out meeting notice.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

AL/lb

cc: K. Ashton  
R. Nishi  
D. Remson  
G. Blondefield  
B. Goldberg



PRODUCT REQUIREMENT STATEMENT

5200 CONTROLLER

GENERAL

NEW SELF-CENTERING  
Name: ~~Low-Cost~~ 5200 Controller

Top Assy Number: TBD

Target Cost: Under \$3.50 each [REALISTIC, BUT ASSEMBLED IN HI-COST U.S.]  
(materials only)

Target Ship Date: December, 1983 [FEB '84 FOR NU DESIGN]

MARKETING RATIONALE

Current controller presents the following problems:

- low reliability (boots and fire buttons)
- inadequate fire buttons
- high cost
- not enuff fun to play

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- self-centering analog design\*
- compatible with all 5200 products
- for hand-held use
- no single source parts
- -- increased tactile feedback on firebuttons\*
- ? -- no rubber boot\*
- -- ergonomic redesign of fire buttons and controller housing
- selective on-off self-centering

OTHER

- investigate gating alternatives\*
- '3600 digital-analog controllers'

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UPSTAIRS CONF. ROOM

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ASH PLOT  
"PATENTS IN PROGRESS"



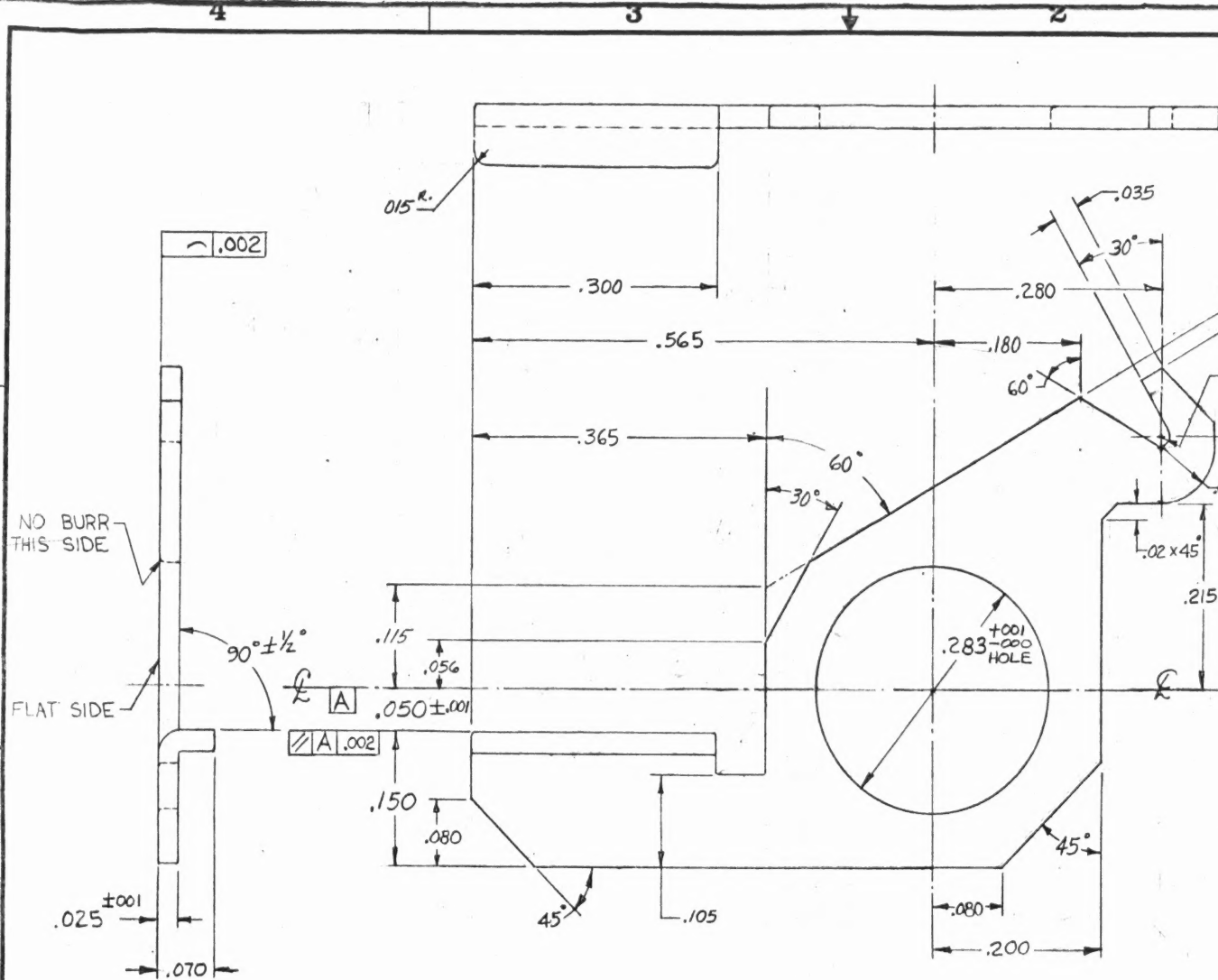


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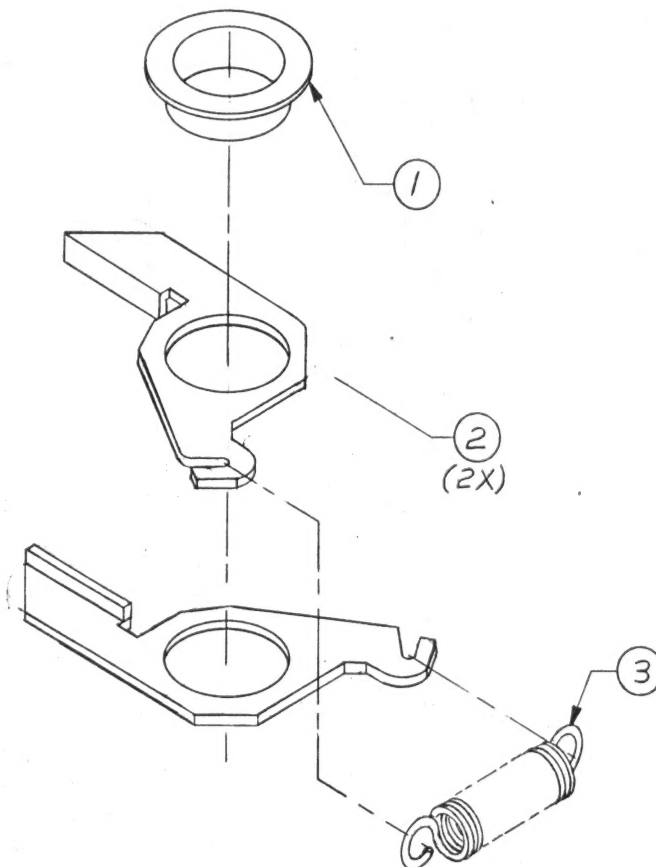
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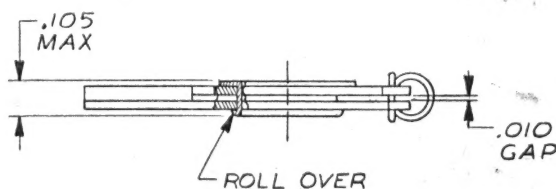
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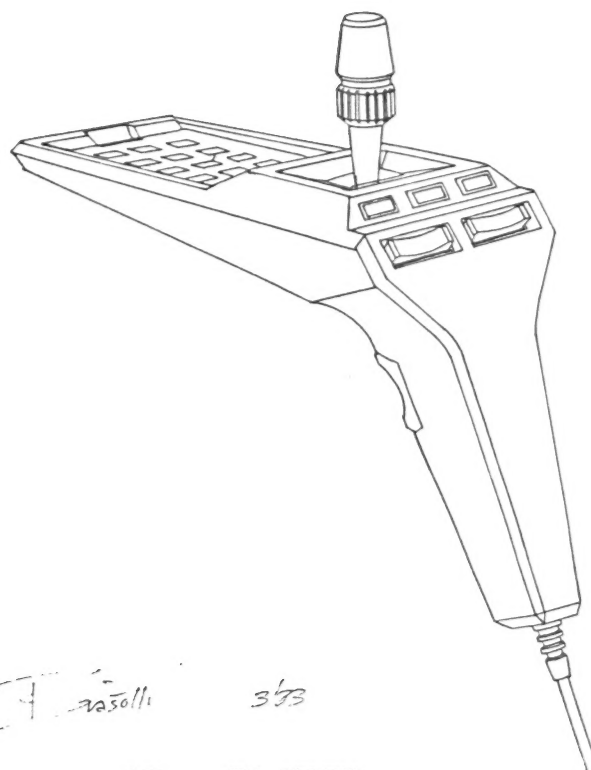
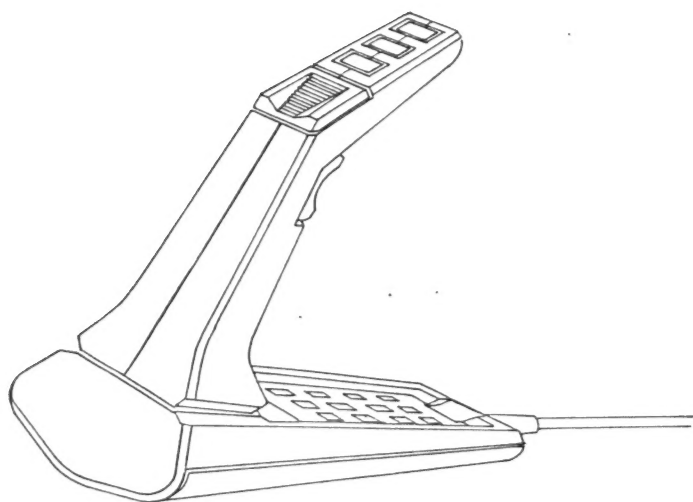
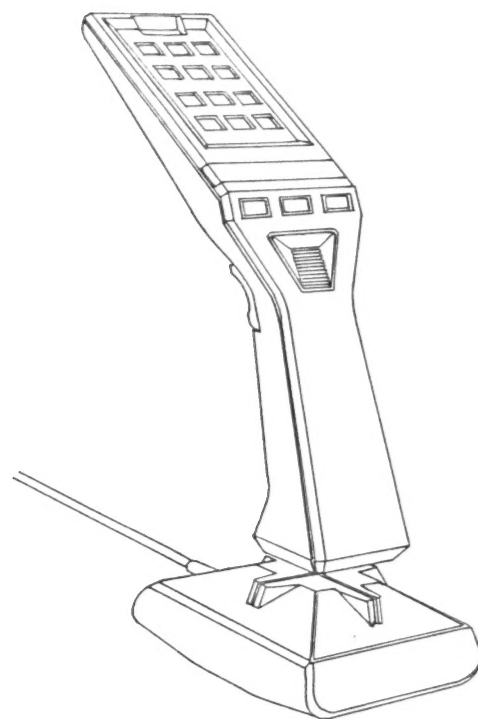
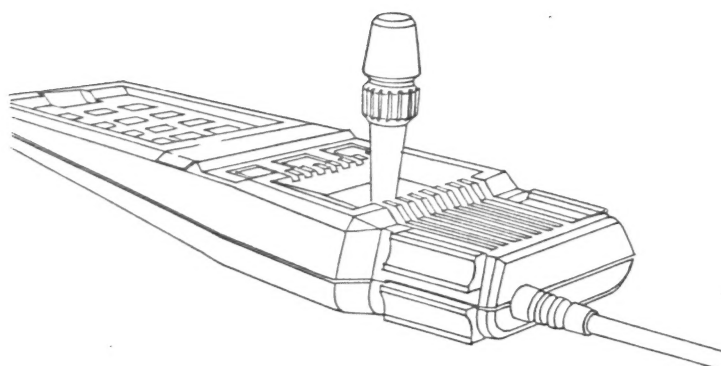
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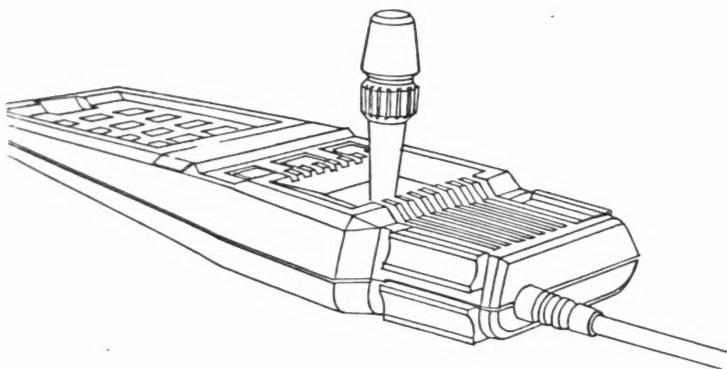


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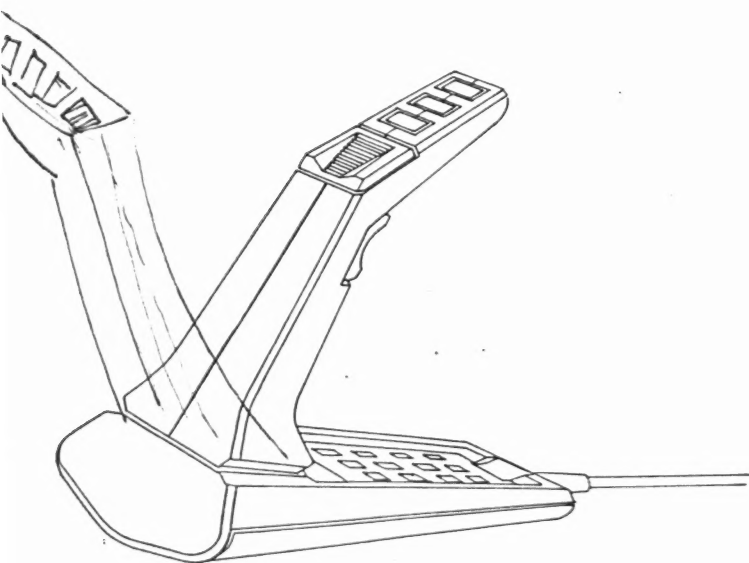


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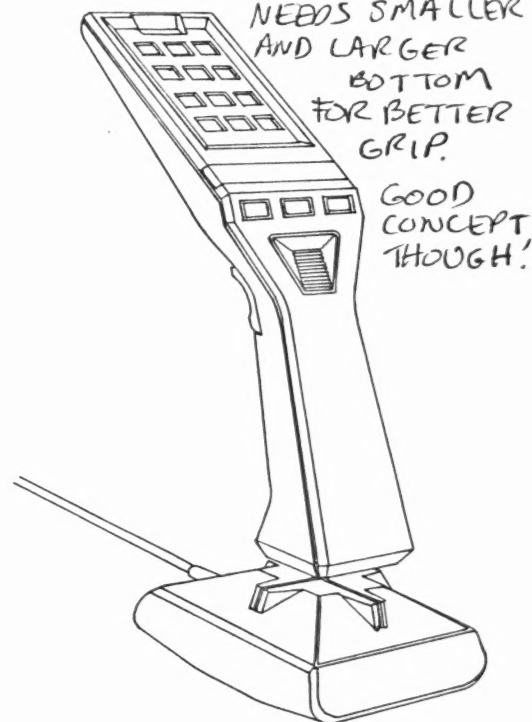
MORE OF THE SAME, BUT FIRE BUTTONS BEING RECESSED COULD CAUSE MORE FATIGUE.

## MIXMASTER DEELUX



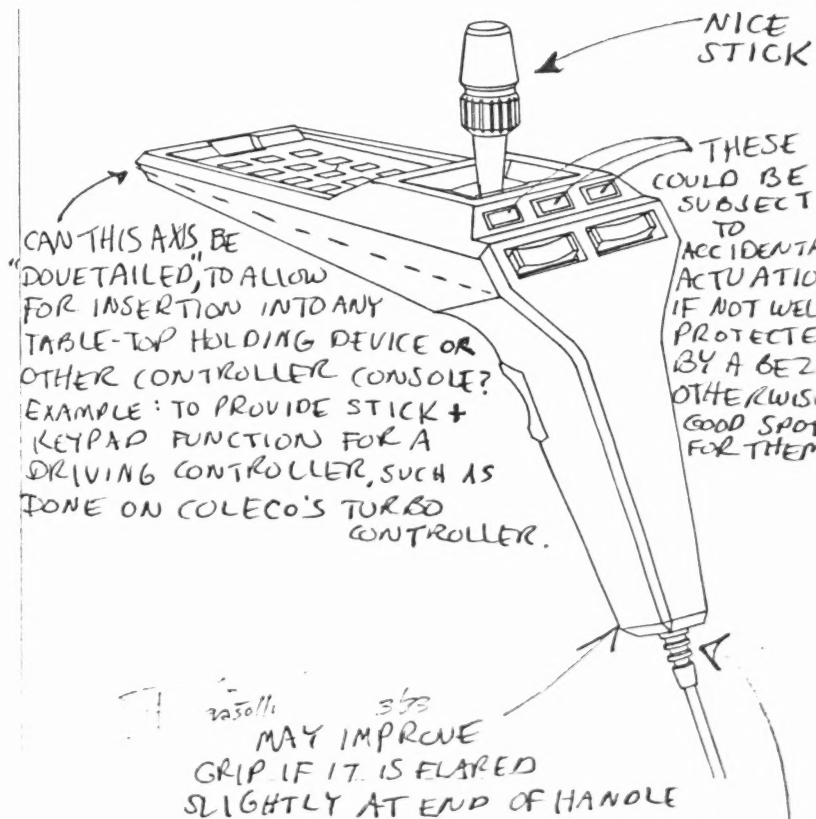
HANDLE SEEMS TO BE TURNED THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION FOR EASY COMFORT GRIP

DIGITAL  
EXCESSIVE LEVERAGE, W/ TOO-SMALL BA  
NEEDS SMALLER -  
AND LARGER  
BOTTOM  
FOR BETTER  
GRIP.



GOOD  
CONCEPT  
THOUGH!

## ANALOG - YEAH!



CAN THIS AXIS BE  
"DOVEetailed", TO ALLOW  
FOR INSERTION INTO ANY  
TABLE-TOP HOLDING DEVICE OR  
OTHER CONTROLLER CONSOLE?  
EXAMPLE: TO PROVIDE STICK +  
KEYPAD FUNCTION FOR A  
DRIVING CONTROLLER, SUCH AS  
DONE ON COLECO'S TURBO  
CONTROLLER.

NICE  
STICK

THESE  
COULD BE  
SUBJECT  
TO  
ACCIDENTAL  
ACTUATION  
IF NOT WELL  
PROTECTED  
BY A BEZEL  
OTHERWISE,  
GOOD SPOT  
FOR THEM

2250/11 3/8  
MAY IMPROVE  
GRIP IF IT IS FLARED  
SLIGHTLY AT END OF HANDLE



November 22, 1983

TO: Tom Kennedy

FROM: J.Jessop/E.Breeze/A.Tanaka

RE: 5200 ENHANCEMENTS/PRIORITIES

1. Hand Controllers

Present design needs thorough review.

- a. Lower cost with easier manufacturability and servicability.
- b. Reliability needs to be improved dramatically. Warranty repair cost is a major drain on the company.
- c. Subjectively the game playability leaves a lot to be desired.
- d. Preferably a new design should be implemented to counter the negative consumer perception of the present design.

2. CONSOLE DESIGN

- a. Reduce the cable clutter, i.e. pluggable power module, IR link, loop through antenna connection and power.
- b. Front load console similar to front load VTR. This allows the unit to be stackable with other audio-visual equipment, so the customer will be deterred from storing the unit in closet/attic.

3. GAME ENHANCEMENTS

- a. Integrate the 2600 game cartridge compatibility and make the game ports adaptable for 2600 use.
- b. With the 2600 compatibility, the unit can play advanced games as proposed for the TIA SQUARED project.
- c. Investigate the feasibility of using faster system clock to increase overall performance.
- d. Improved expansion capability to accomodate video disk, optical ROM, and other peripherals similar to COLECO.
- e. Two player stereo headphone jack. Independent channel capability for the present and new generation games. This will allow the sounds and instructions to be audible to each player independent of each other. This has exciting possibilities for strategic action type games.
- f. System power down feature to resume former play after interruption. Useful in long playtime games such as chess and adventure games.

CC: D. Teiser  
C. Goy



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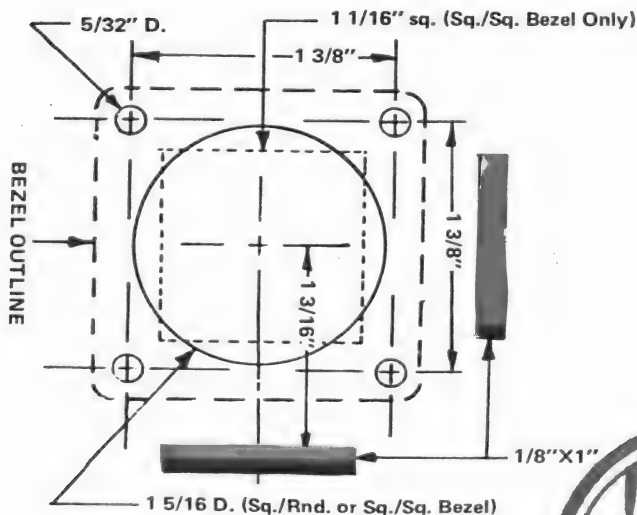
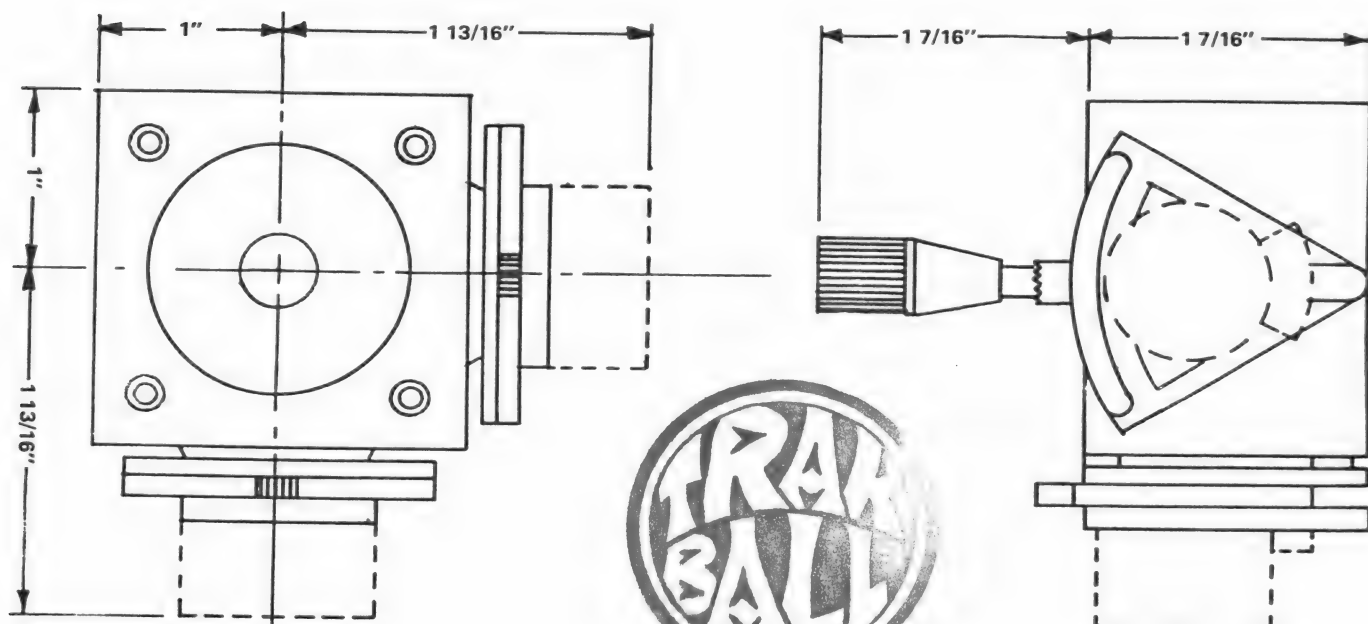


# THE MKII CONTROL GIMBAL

## DESCRIPTION

The MK II stick is a top quality, precision molded, two axis control gimbal intended for applications such as game joysticks, computer plotters, remote control transmitters and controllers, or any other uses requiring infinitely variable potentiometer settings in two axis. Both functions can be either self-centering or not and have a fine centering trim adjustment which is externally accessible. The trims don't have to exist if desired. Two styles of bezels are available; one with a square inner area, the other with a round inside.

The stick features quick assembly, smooth and accurate operation, very easy calibration, rugged design and long life. Also it is significantly less expensive than most alternatives that are available today.



FACEPLATE CUTOUT REQUIREMENTS  
(material thickness .050—.125")

## POT SPECIFICATIONS

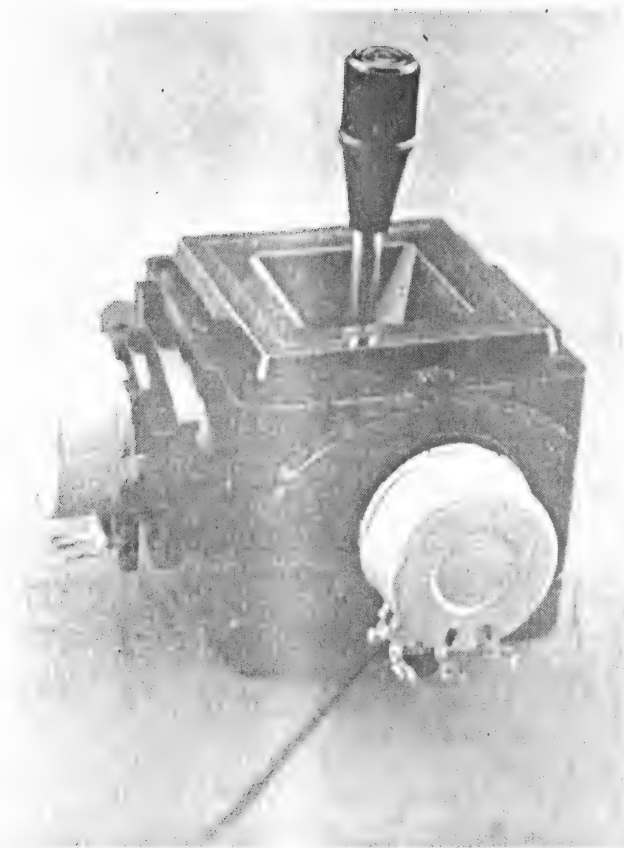
Any diameter pot with a 3/8-32 UNEF - 2A standard threaded bushing and a 1/4" X 3/8" shaft will work. The distance between the mounting face of the pot and the end of the shaft should be .812"  $\pm$  .015".



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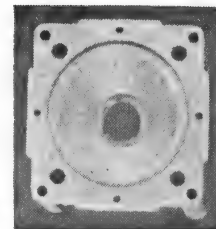
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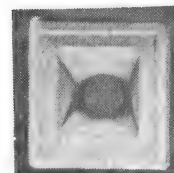


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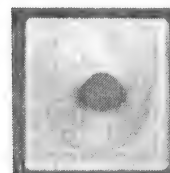
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15E72—Front Housing Box



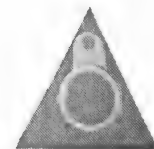
15E70—Square/Square Face Cup  
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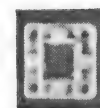
15E71—Square/Round Face Cup



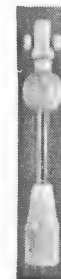
15E74—Trim Lever  
(OR)



15E75—Trim Lever Substitute



15E78—Ball Retainer



15E83—Stick/Ball Assembly



15E84—Spring Return Lever



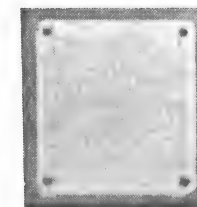
15E94—Spring



15E93—Pot Nut



15E76—Friction Ring



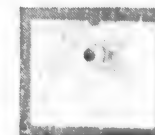
15E73—Gimbal Box Lid



15E81—Small Bale



15E82—Large Bale



15E80—Bale Retainer Side Plate



15E79—Pot Side Plate

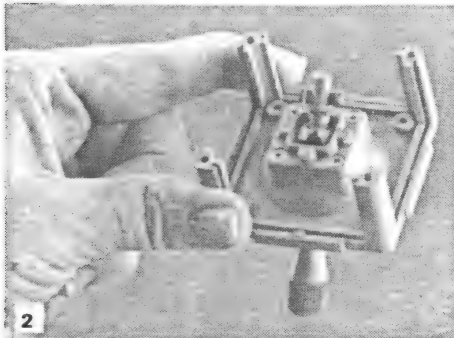


15E77—Pot Lock Ring

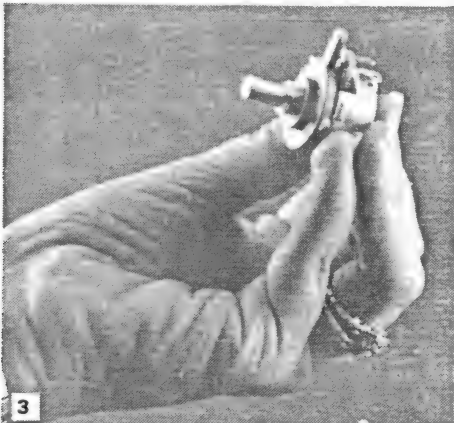




1—Insert Stick/Ball Assembly at an angle to clear Ball Retainer.



2—Tighten Ball Retainer screws until stick still moves when the Housing Box is jiggled.



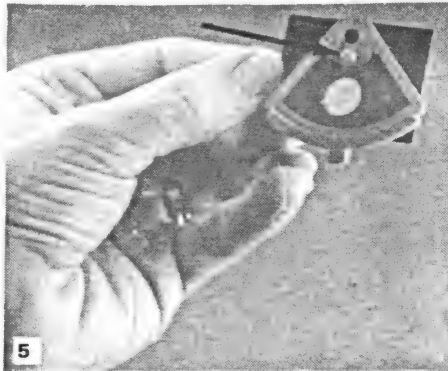
3—Note orientation of parts.



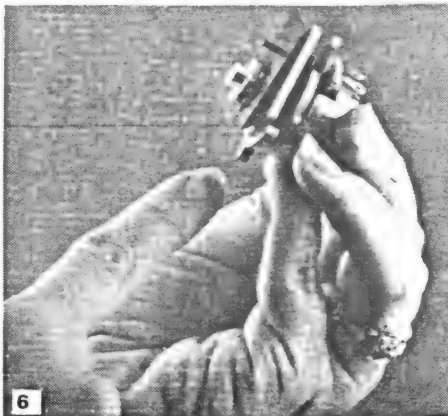
4—Make sure flat sides of Pot Lock Ring and Friction Ring are towards pot.

# ACE MK II STICK ASSEMBLY

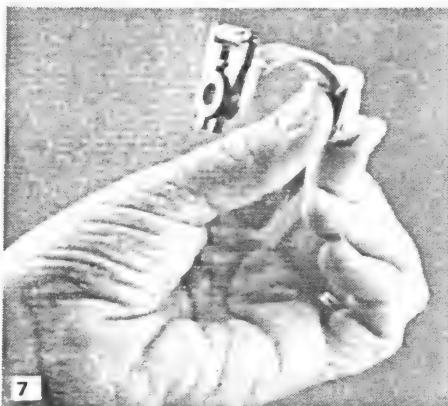
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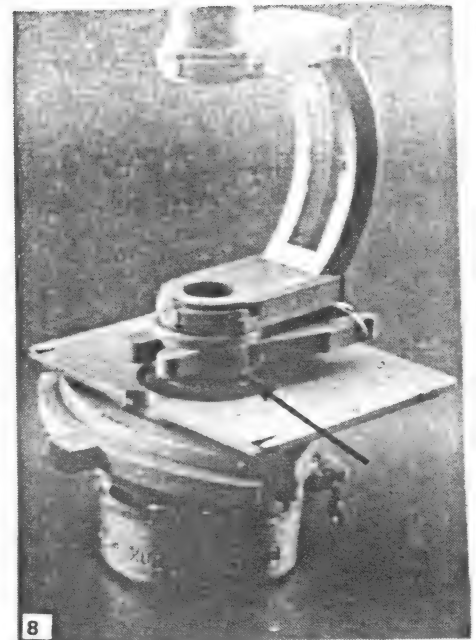
5—Button, on Trim Lever, faces out to engage mating hole in Friction Ring. NOTE If Trim Levers are not used, insert Trim Lever Substitute.



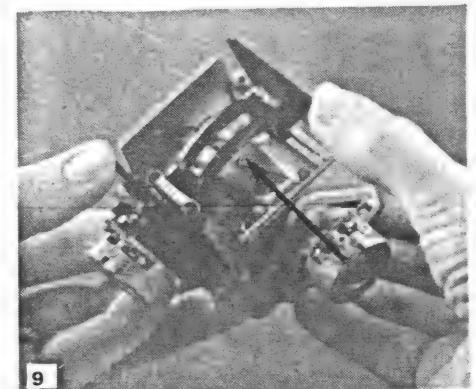
6—Center Trim Lever.



7—Spring Return Levers and Spring are centered on Bale.

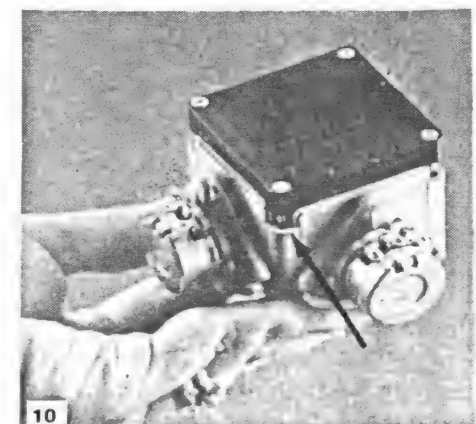


8 —There must be .005" to .007" clearance between Spring Return Levers and Pot Nut.



9 —Install Small Bale Assembly, then Large Bale Assembly into Housing Box. Make sure Stick end piece goes through each Bale.

NOTE: Before the Gimbal Box Lid can be put on the Face Cup and assembled Gimbal must be fastened to panel using four 2-56 x 1/4" pan head screws.



10—Install Gimbal Box Lid with four 2-56 x 1/2" F.H. screws. Allow .010" gap at corner posts.

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GAME OR PROJECT

Spectravision Joystick Analysis

Spectravision Joystick Model 318-101

Electrical:RESISTANCE =  $\Omega$ 1) Contact Resistance

- A) Pin 1 = UP Position  $5\Omega$  to  $8\Omega$
- B) Pin 2 = Down Position  $15\Omega$  to  $98\Omega$
- C) Pin 3 = Left Position  $7\Omega$  to  $4\Omega$
- D) Pin 4 = Right Position  $5\Omega$  to  $38\Omega$

2) Contact Bounce MEASURED AT FIRE Button was found to be 1v for 5ms

## 3) P.C.B Consisted of ONE Board with contact switches mounted on it.

## 4) Assembly was quite EASY AS WELL AS DISASSEMBLY

Game Application

- 1) HUMAN ENGINEERING ~~was~~ should be given 90%
  - 2) Ease of Actuation is a 80% due to the lack of centering ability
  - 3) Direct UP-DW-RT-LT motion is a 95%
  - 4) Diagonal motion is a 75% Has a tendency to want to go RT or UP
  - 5) Fire button is compatible to Atari
- \*\*\* OVERALL due to the Human Engineering Concepts I would have to rate this joystick a 80%



SUBJECT: A PIEZOCERAMIC BENDER CONTORLLER

A piezoceramic bender controller could be produced using a square shaft with piezoceramic wafers laminate on all four sides. The direction would be detected by the voltage change of the two wafers on oppisite sides of the shaft for each axis. If a third axis was needed for a product a curved piezocermic bender could be used which would be controlled by squeezing either a trigger button or squeezing the grip.

The controller would have very few moving parts. Spring steel would need to be used for the shafts. The controller could be design to be very tough due to the mat'l required and the lack of moving parts required. The controller by design would have a automatic return to center by the fact that the shaft is spring steel.

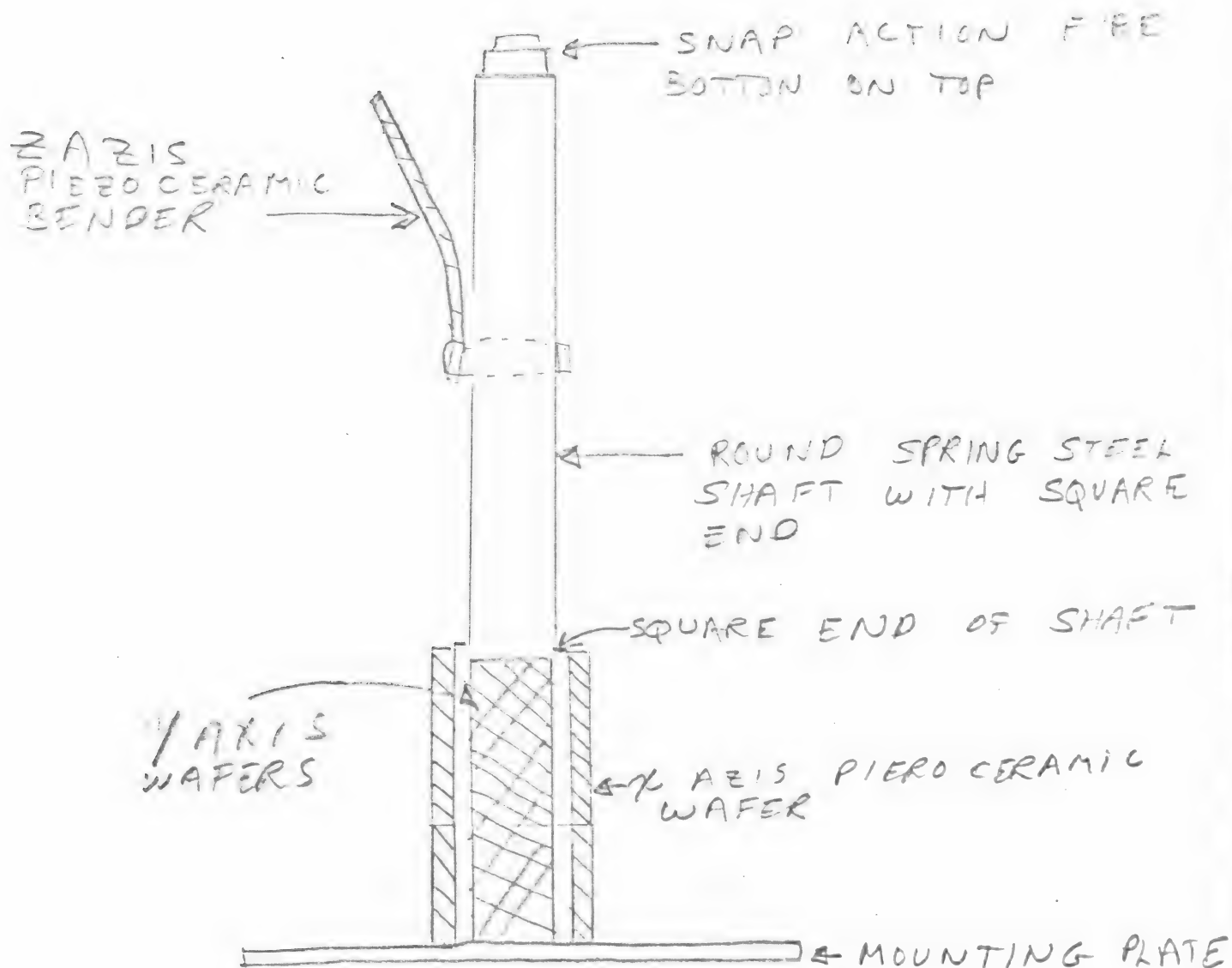
The cost of the piezo and shaft should be low when compare to other systems used now. The shaft maybe could be made out of aluminum for lower cost and less weight if aluminum could be found with the right spring.

The firm of PIERO ELECTRIC PRODUCTS,INC of Cambridge Mass., Porter Stone : President, should be ready to lend a hand in design and production of a wafer-shaft compont.

Thank You

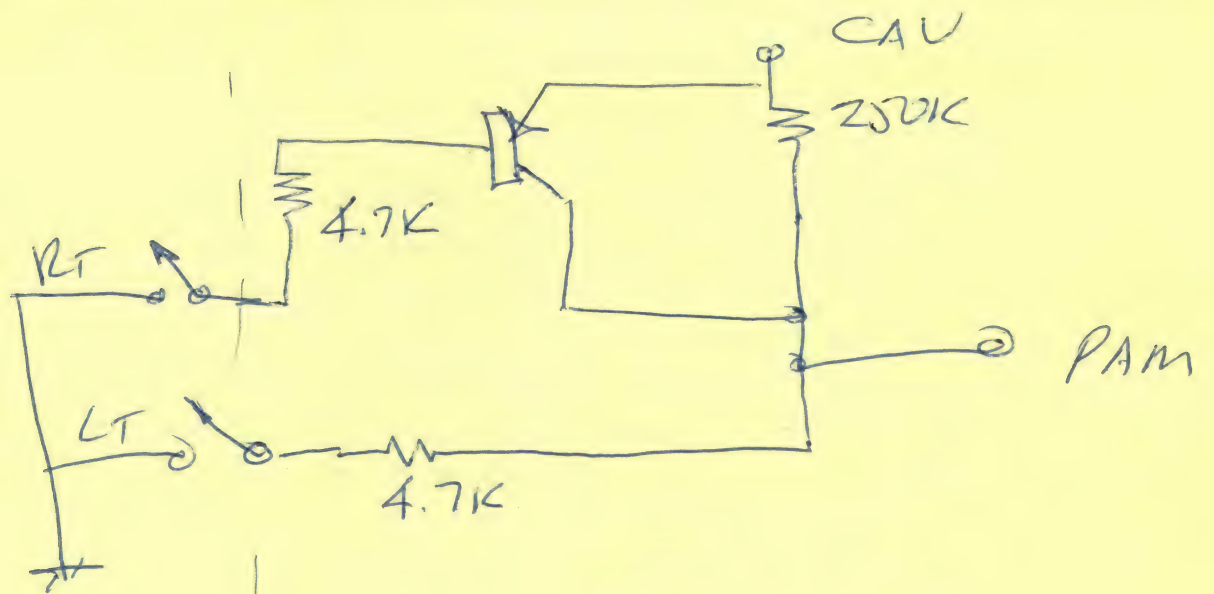
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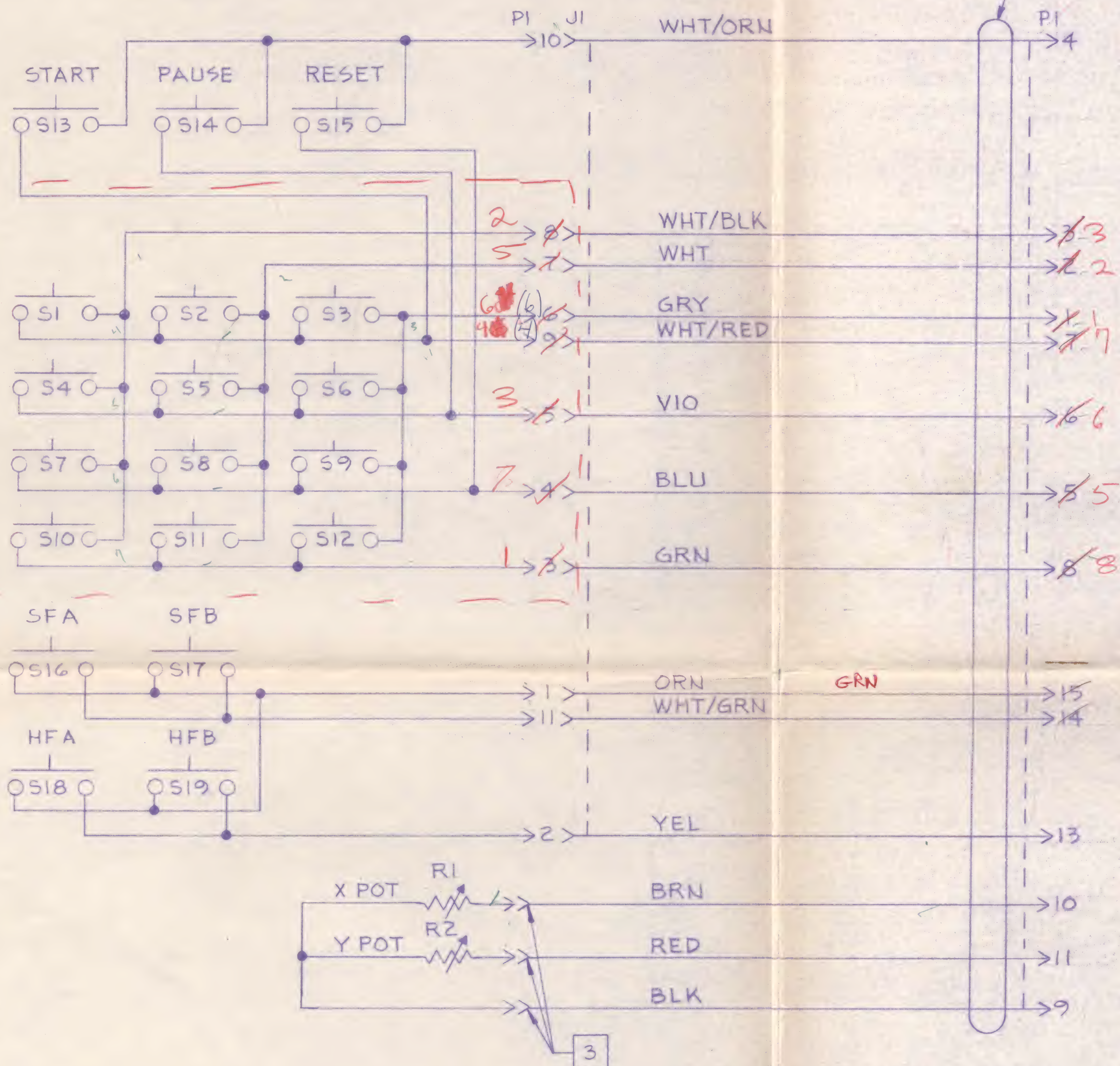
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CABLE ASSY CAO18145



## NOTES:

1. FOR ASSEMBLY SEE CAO18107.
2. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED:  
SYMBOLS ARE PER ANSI STANDARDS
3. SLIDE CONNECTORS.

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ANGLES = ±1° .x = \*

SURFACE FINISH ✓ .xx = \*

.xxx = \*

MATERIAL:

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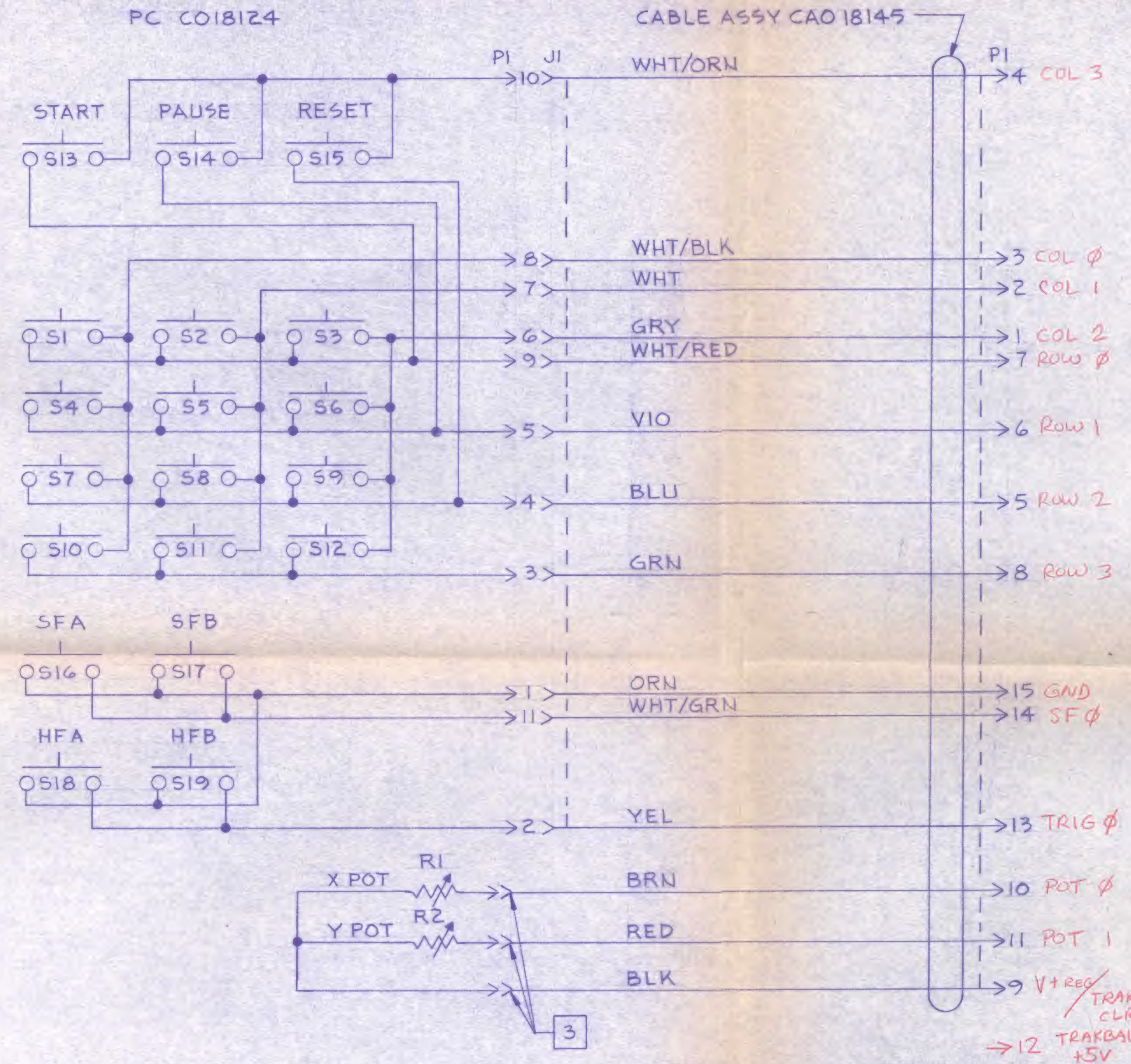
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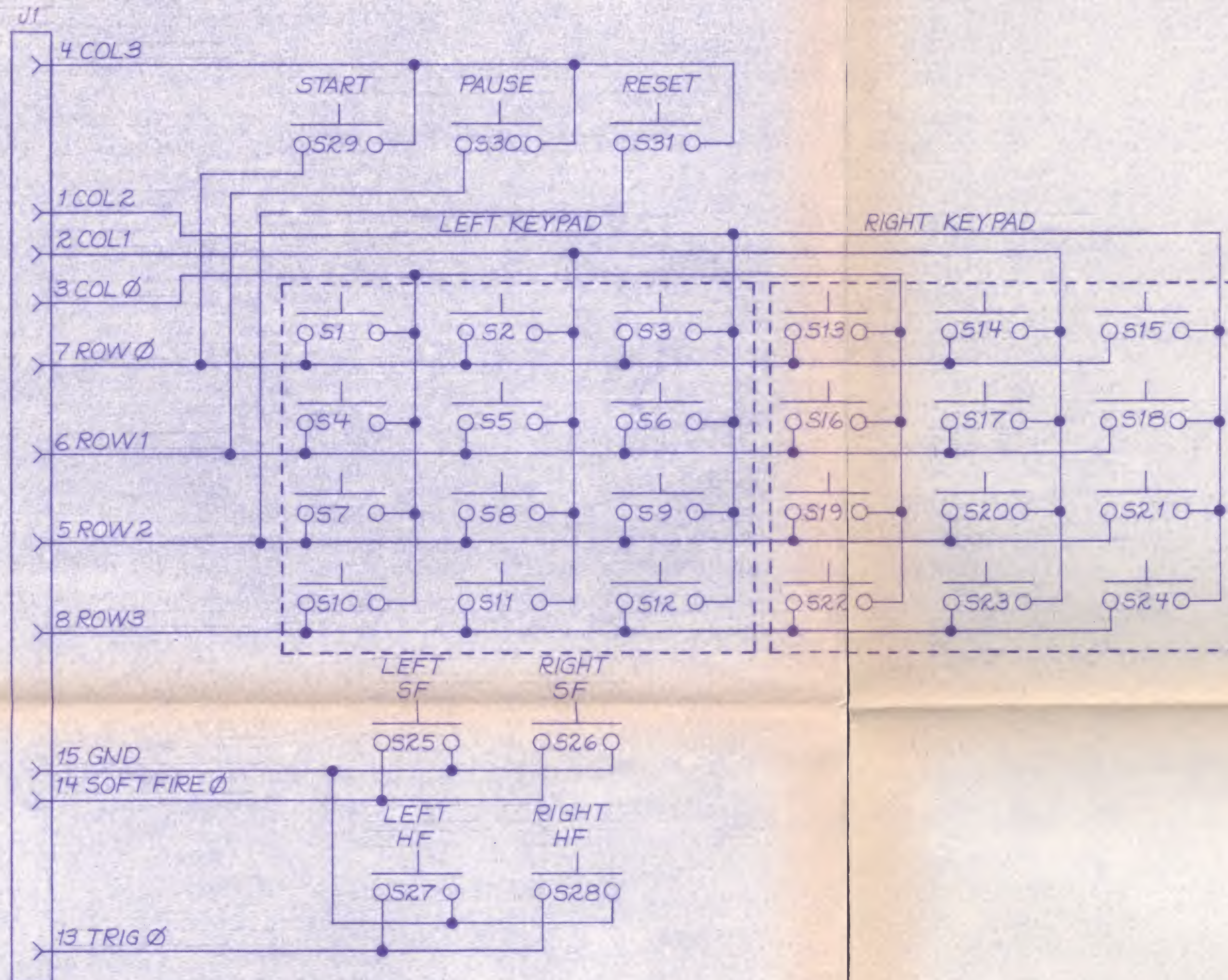
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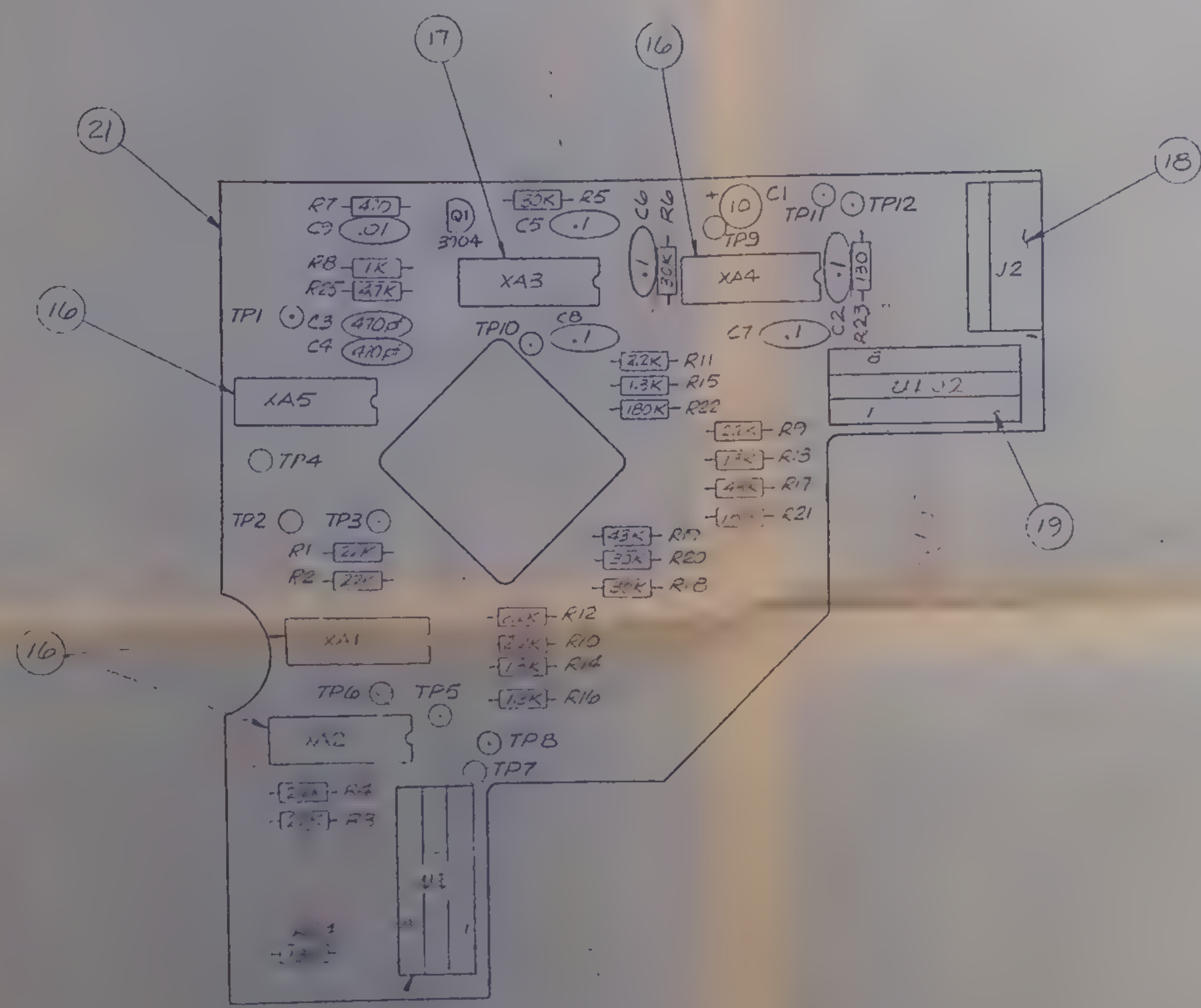
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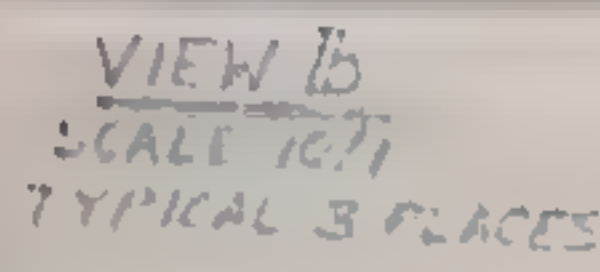
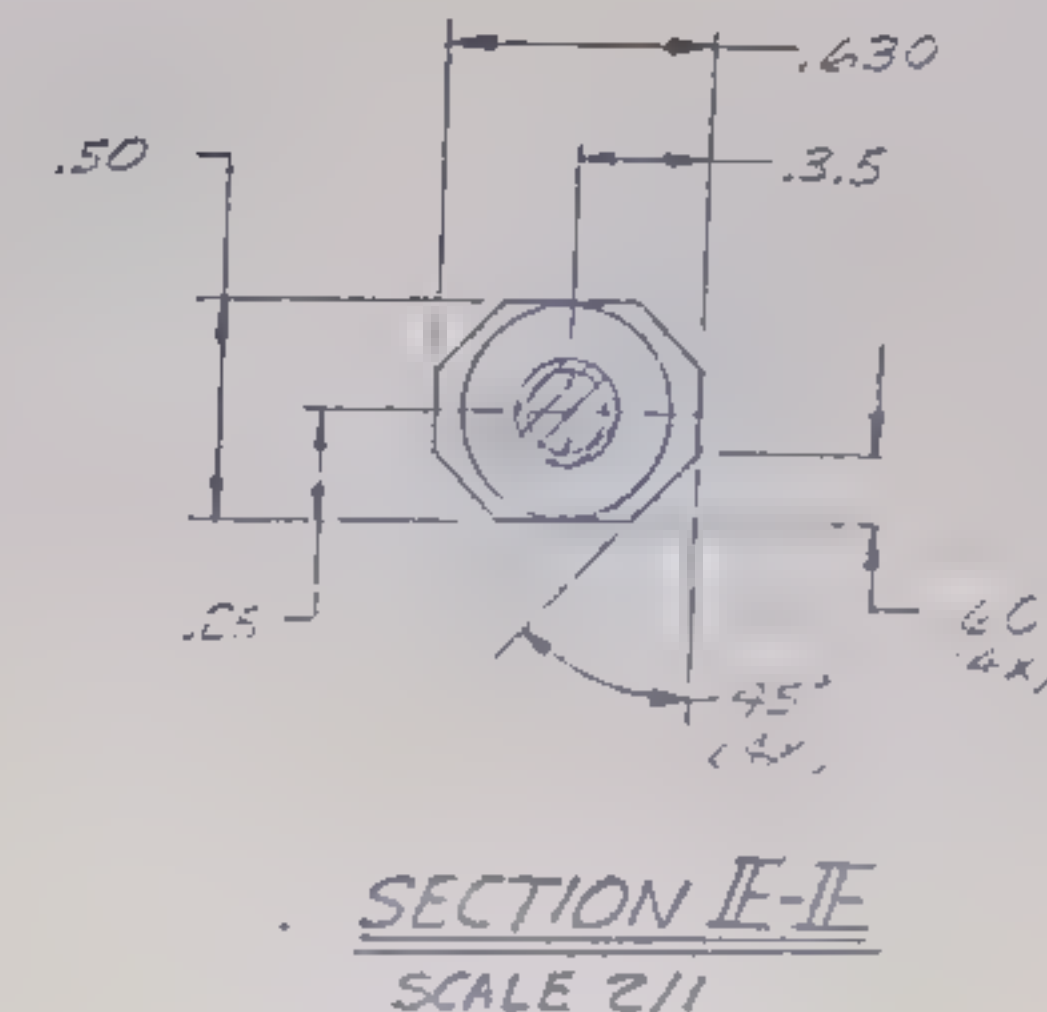
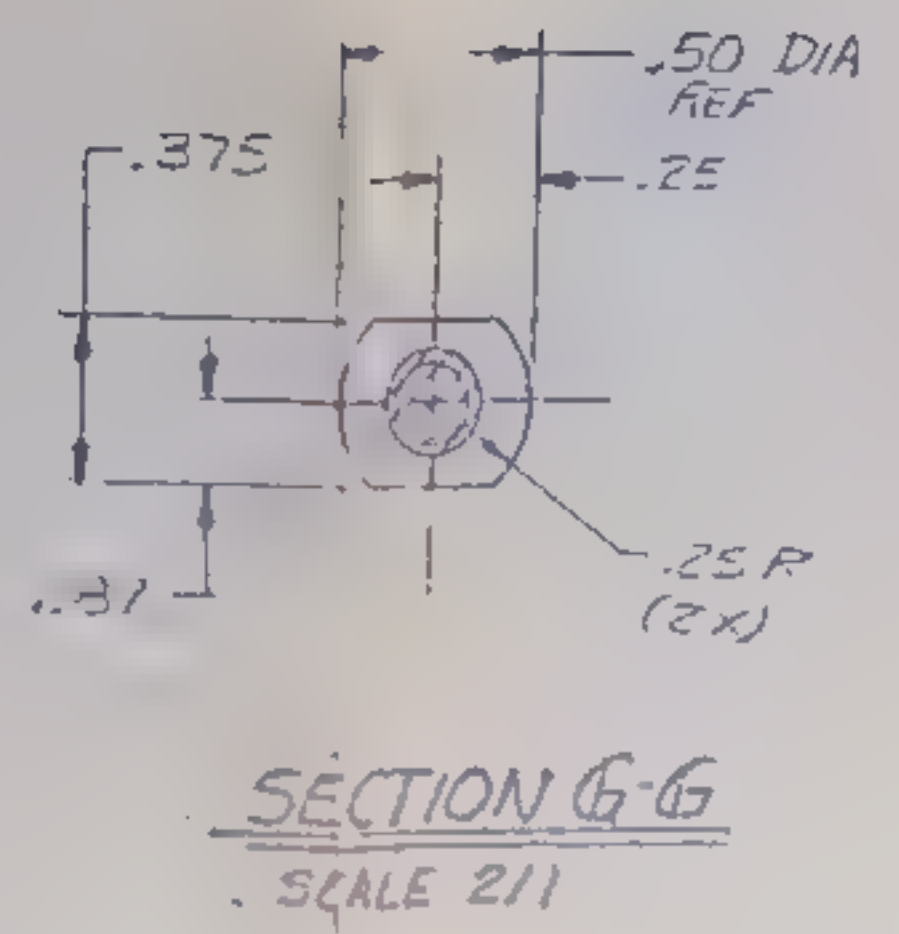
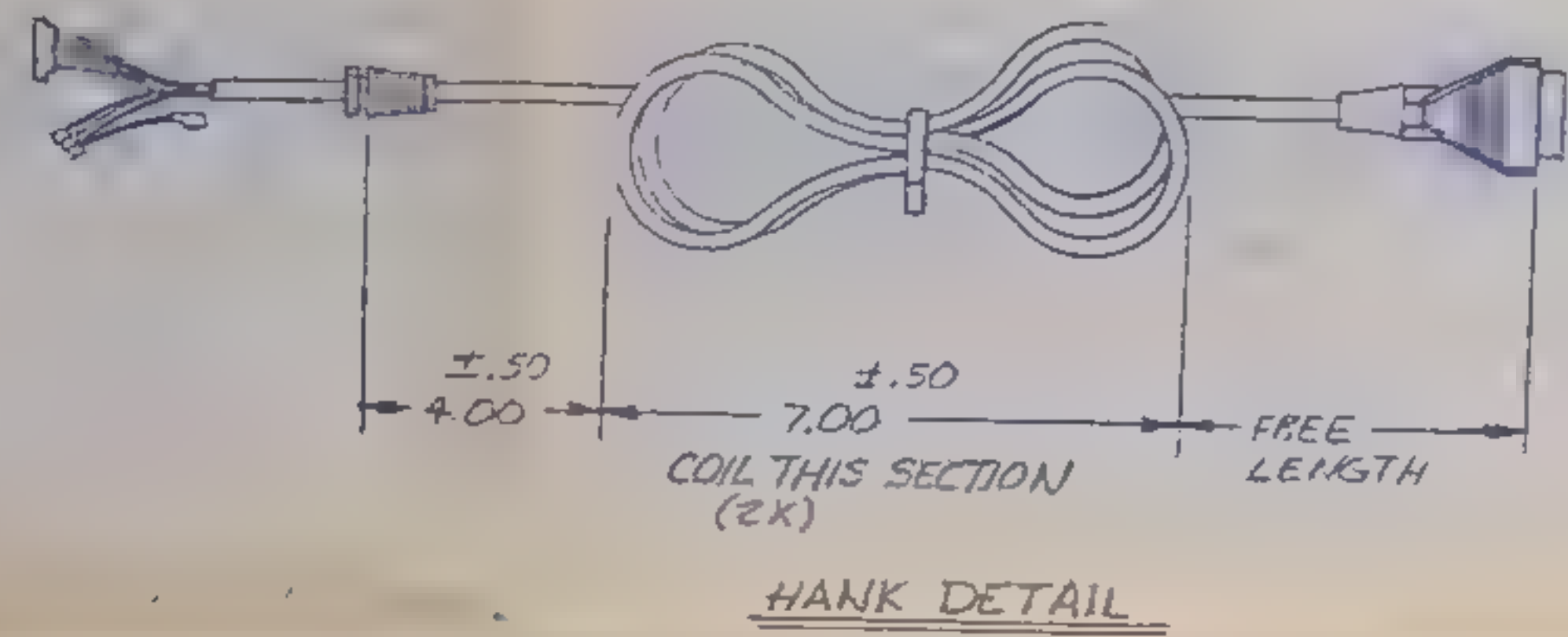
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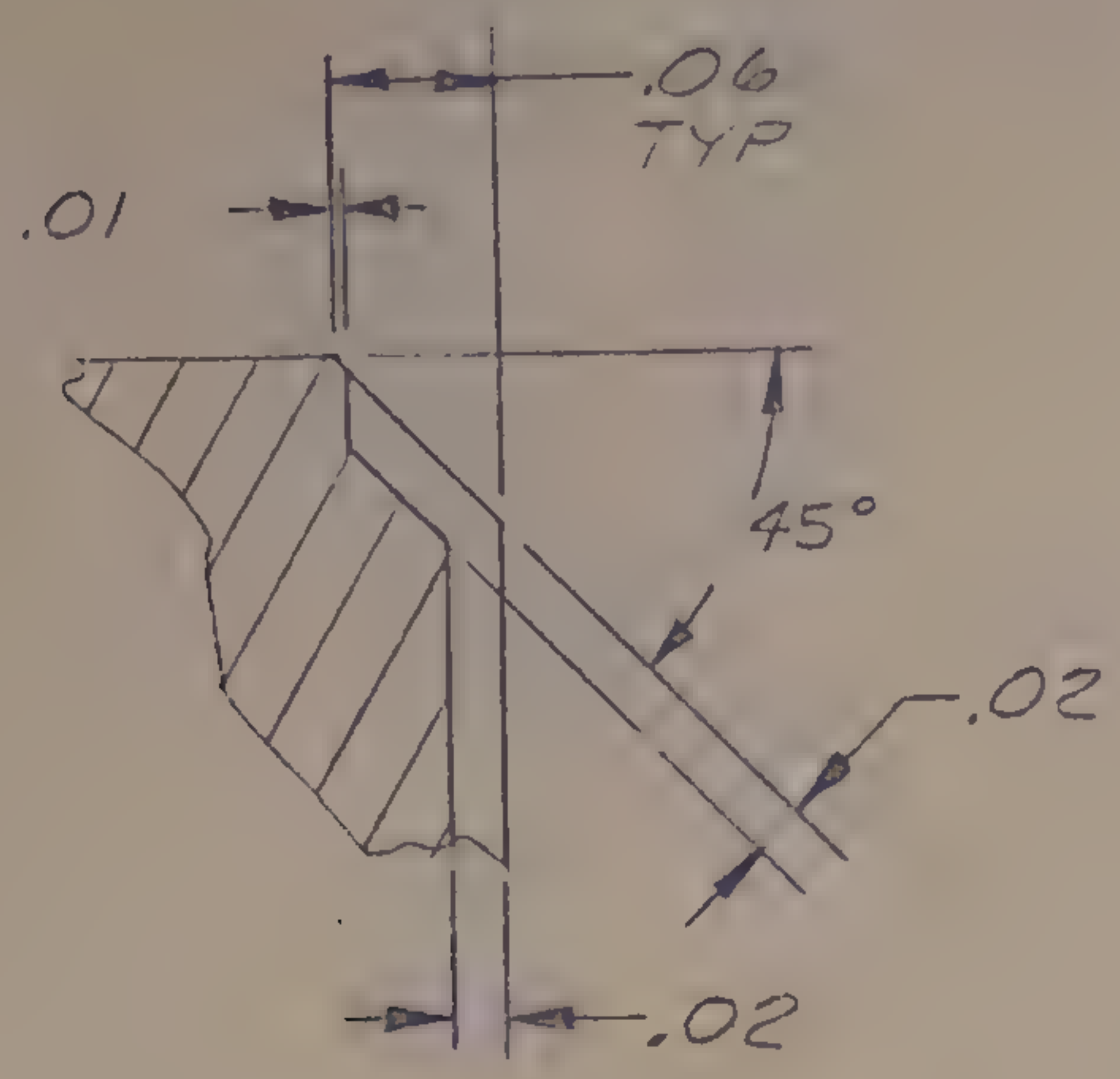


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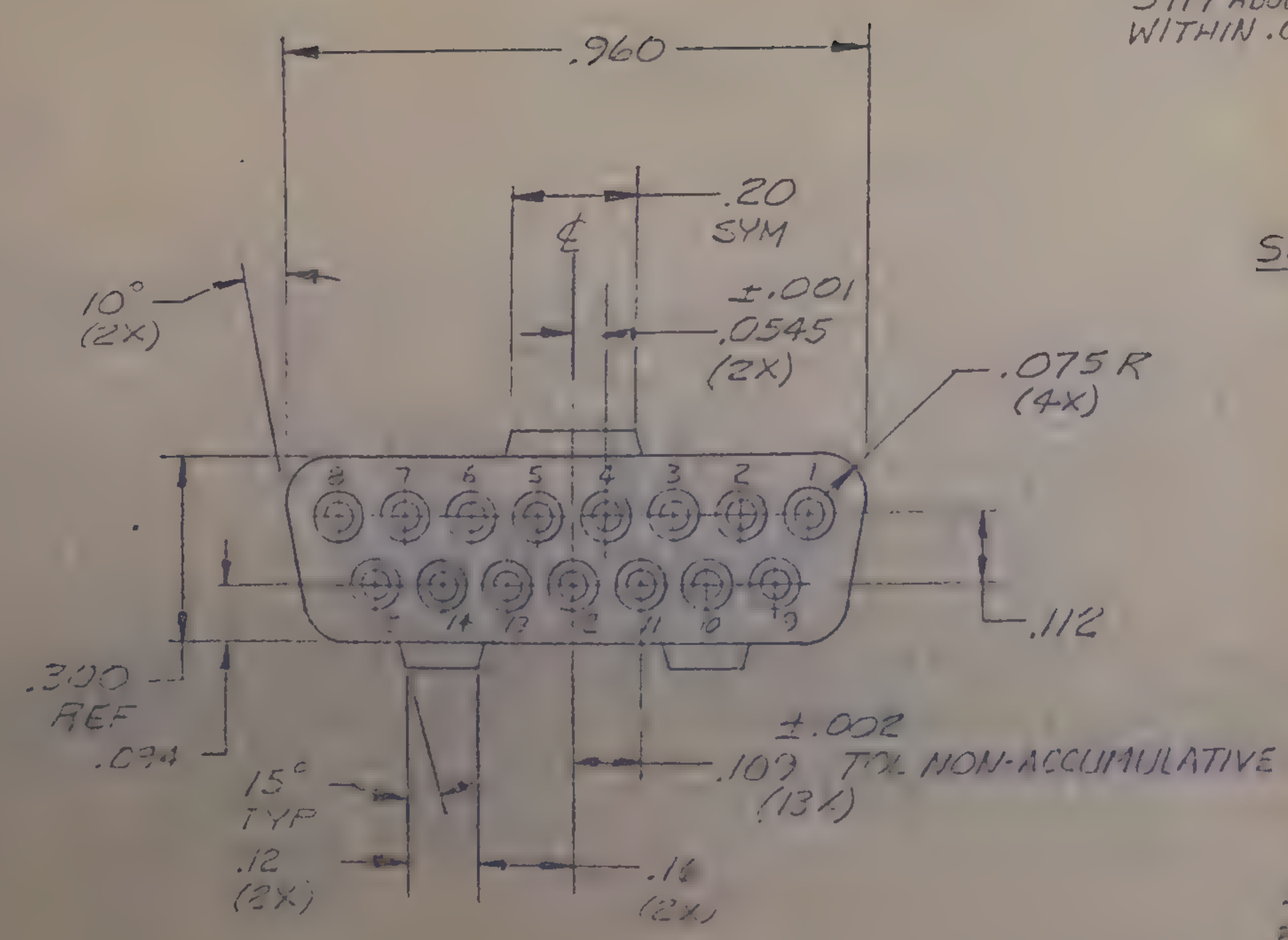
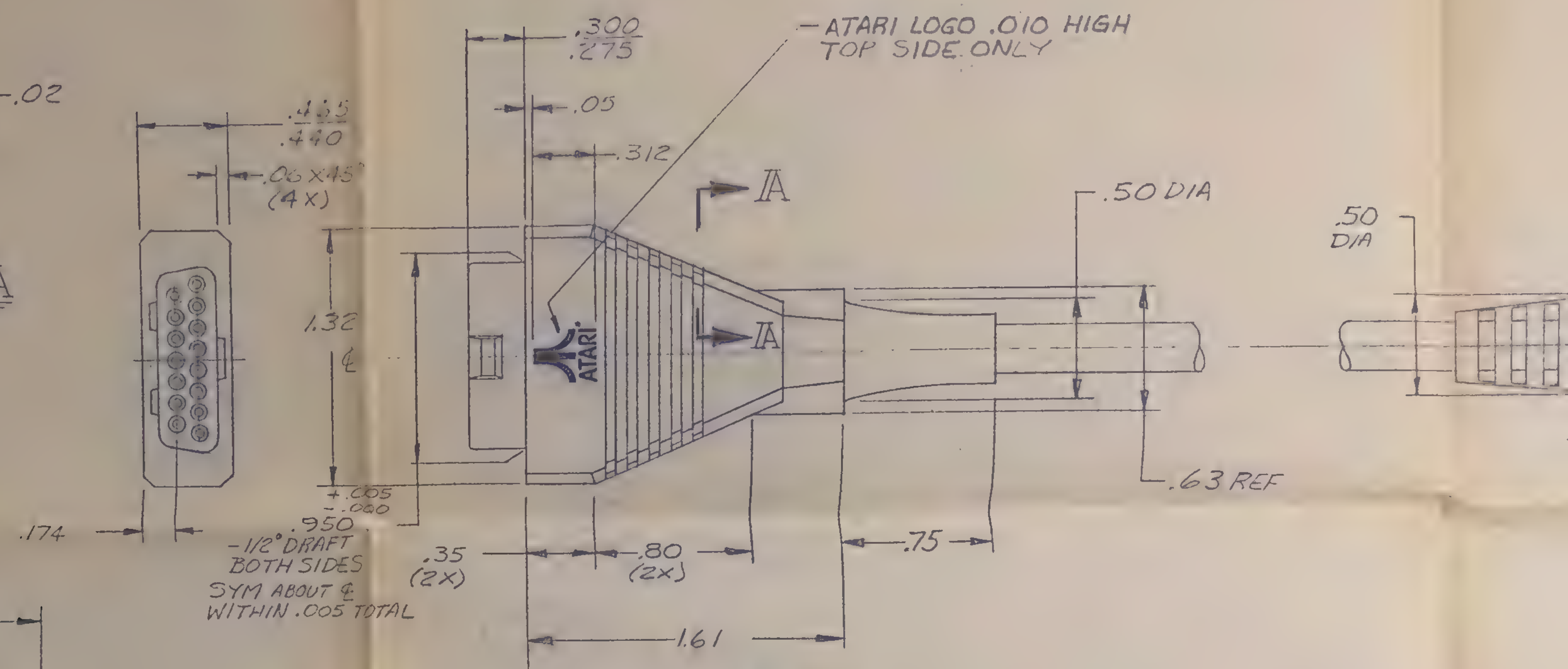
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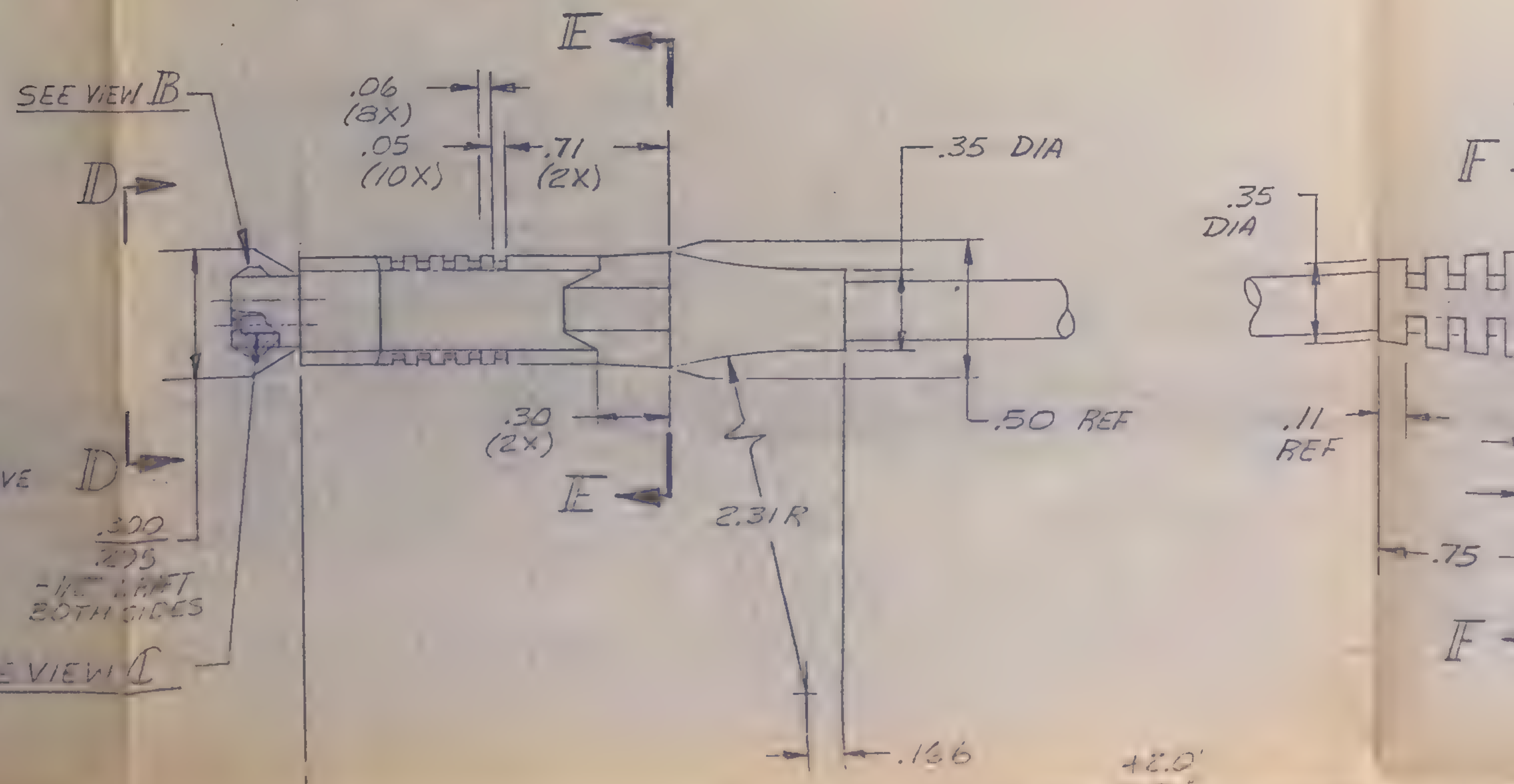




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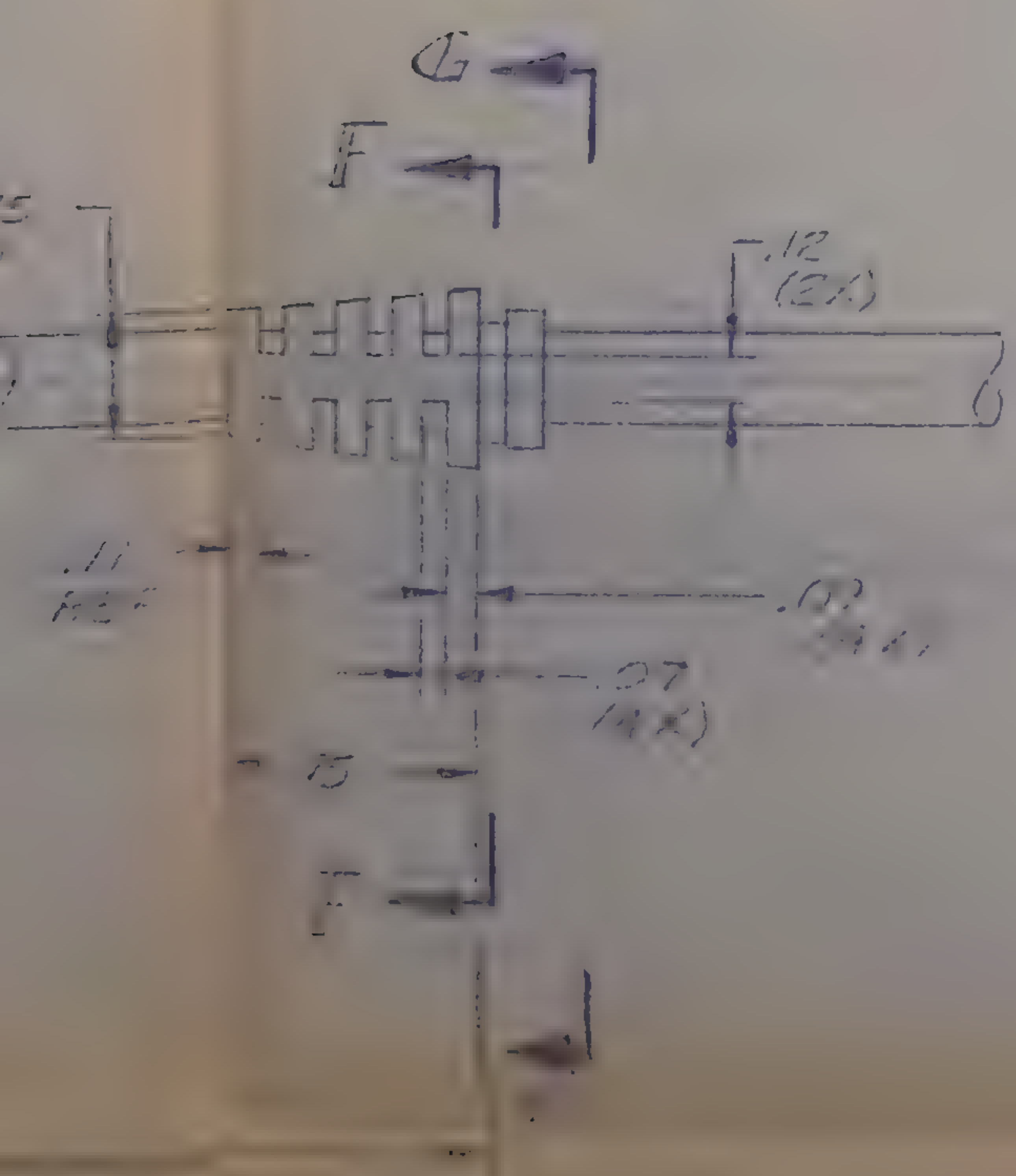
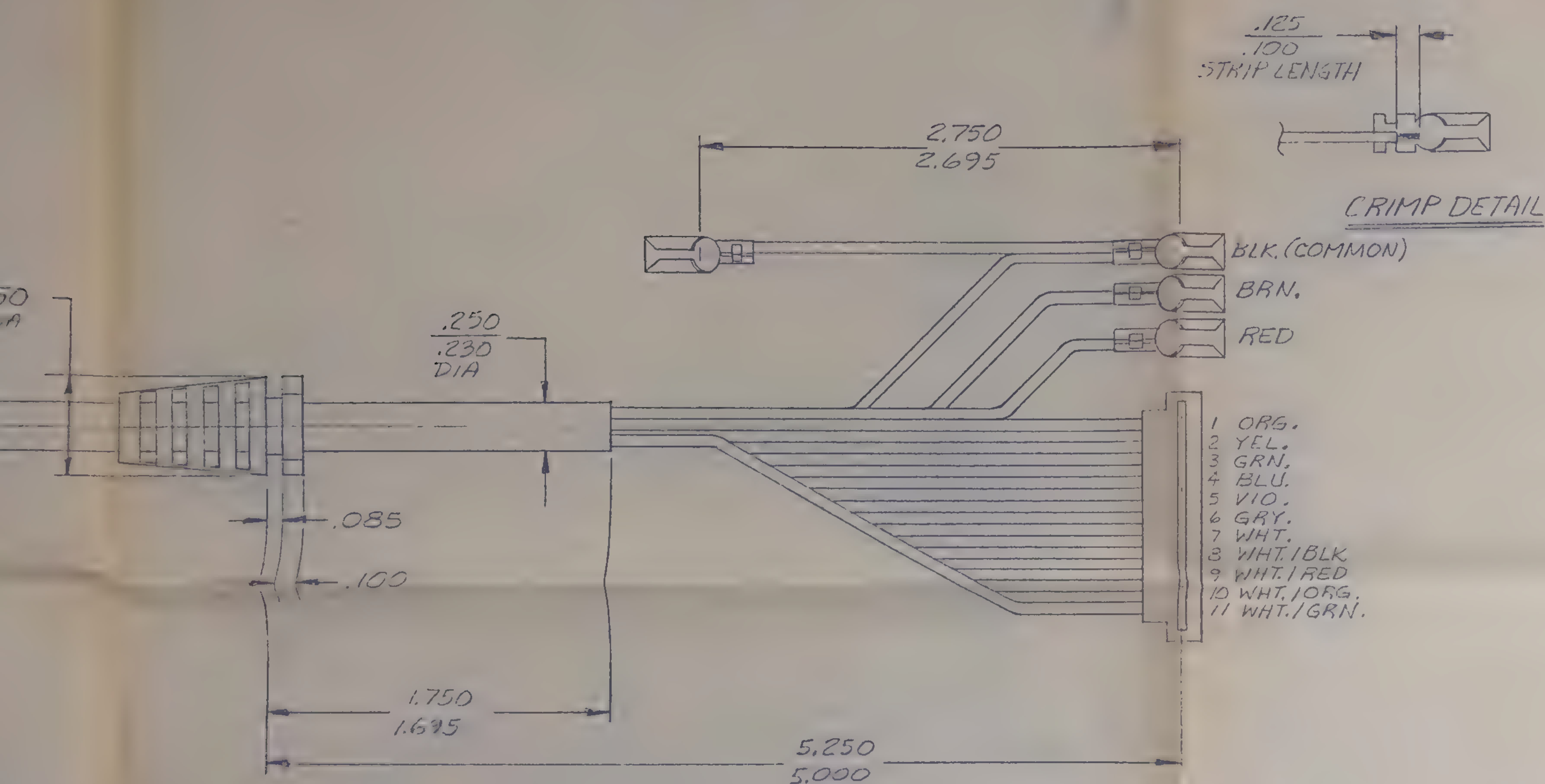


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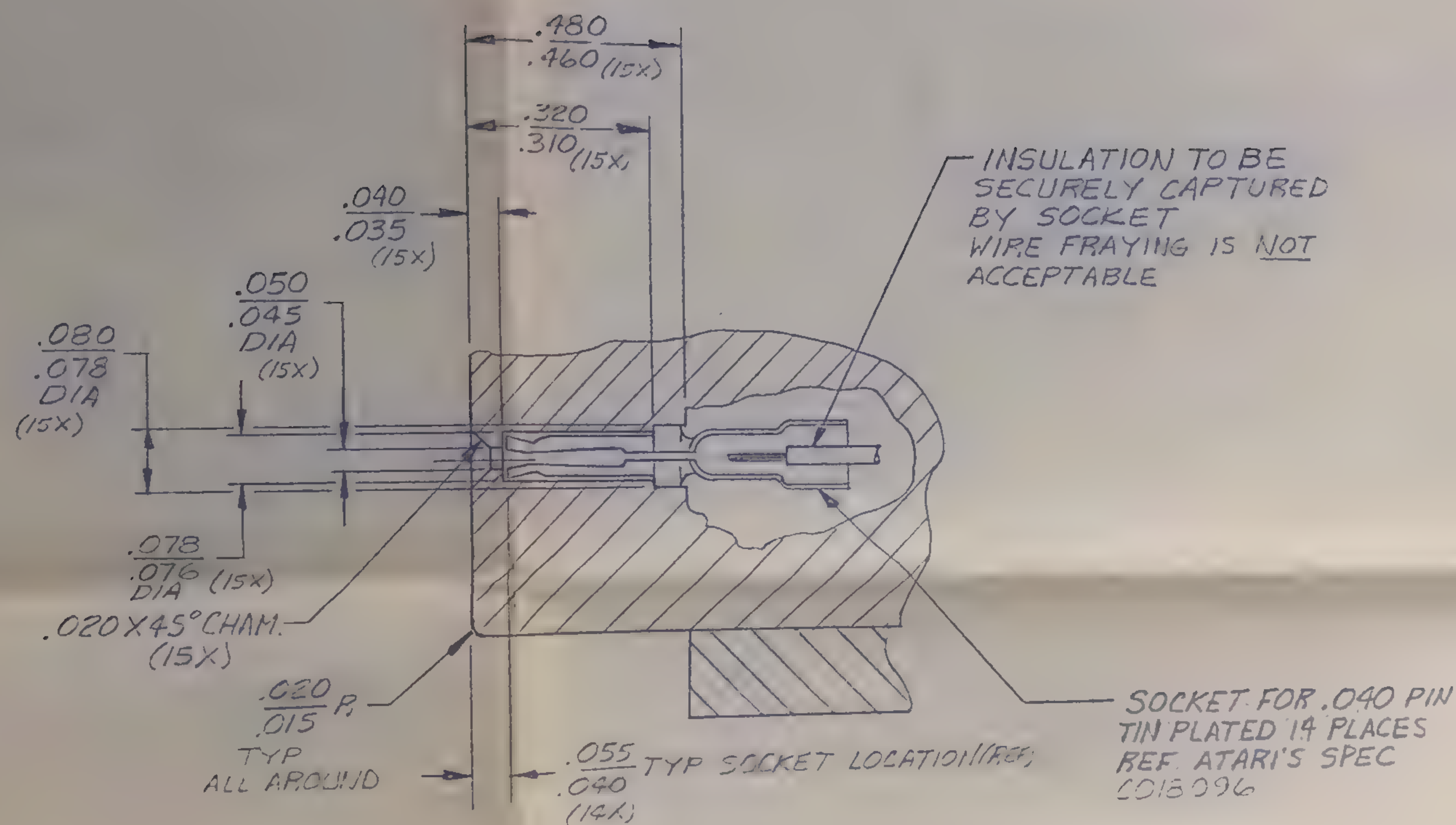
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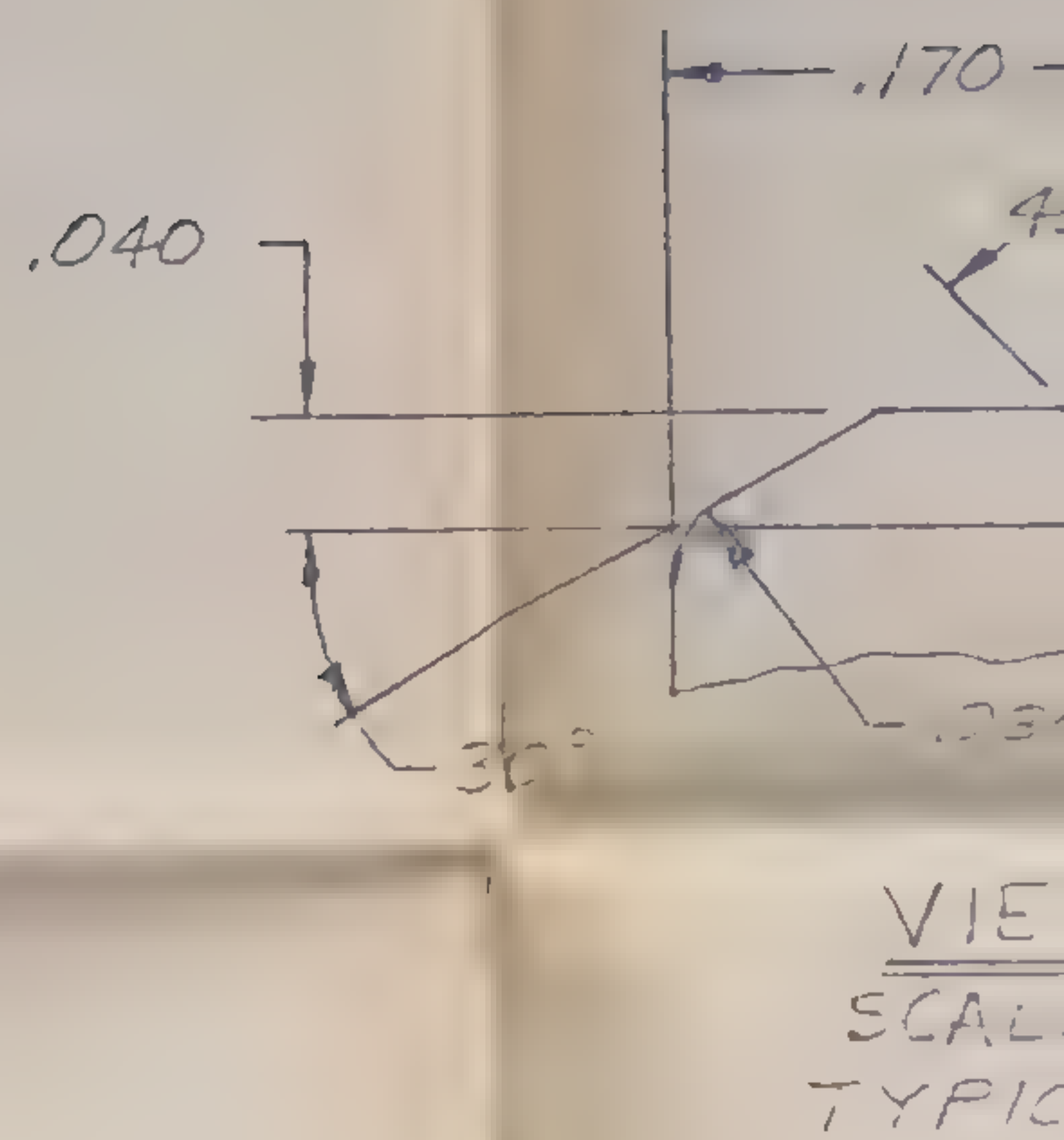
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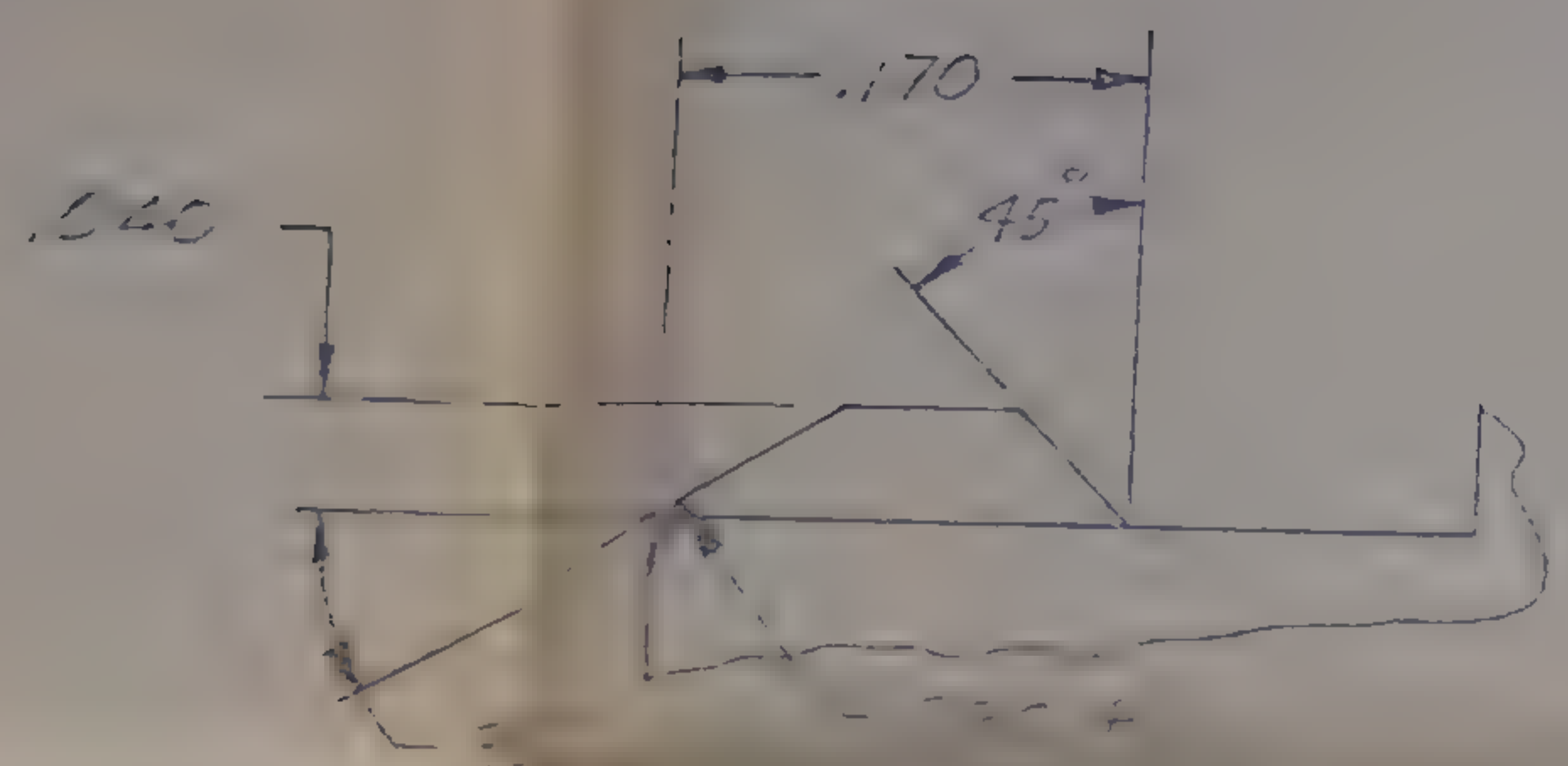


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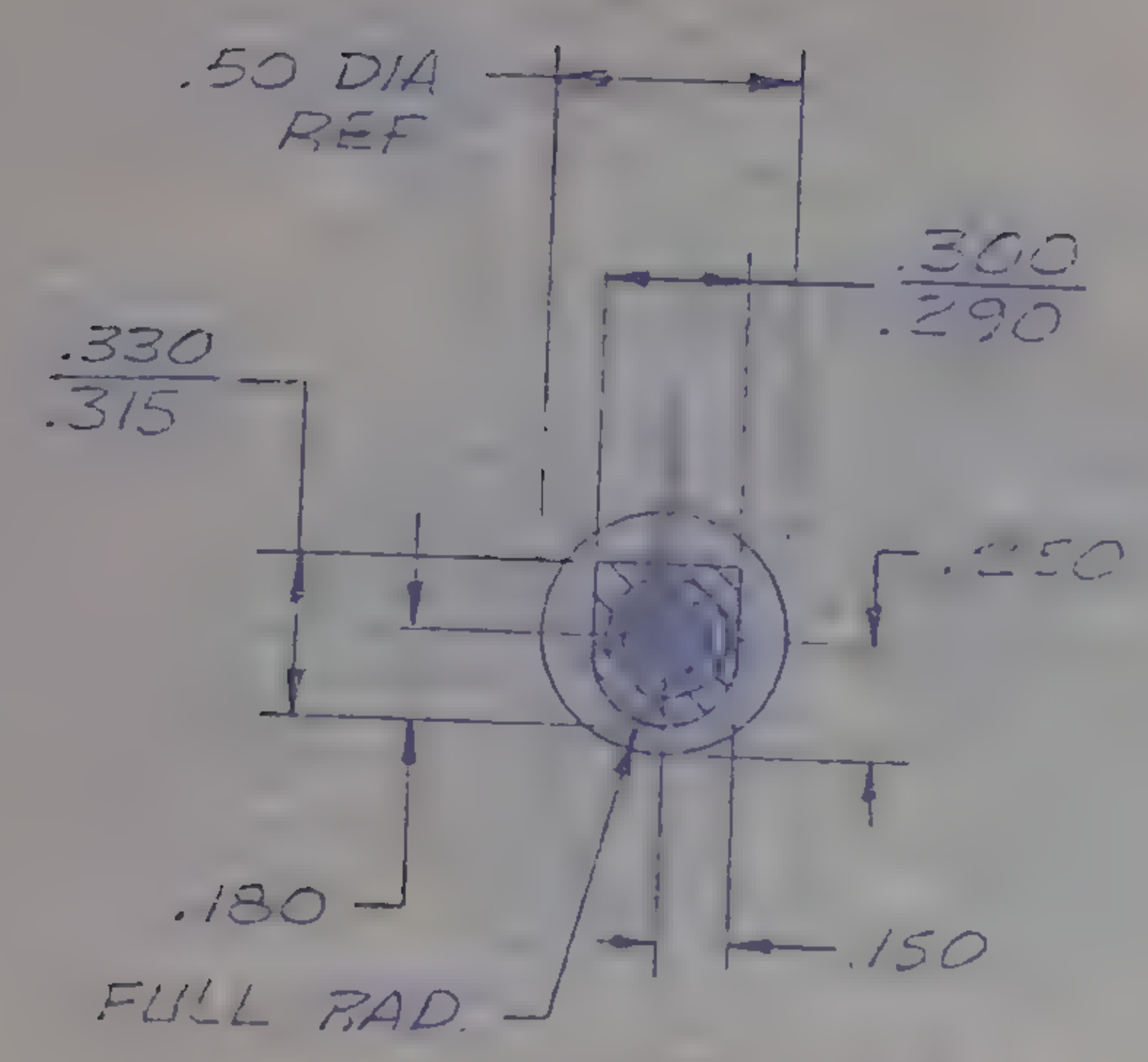


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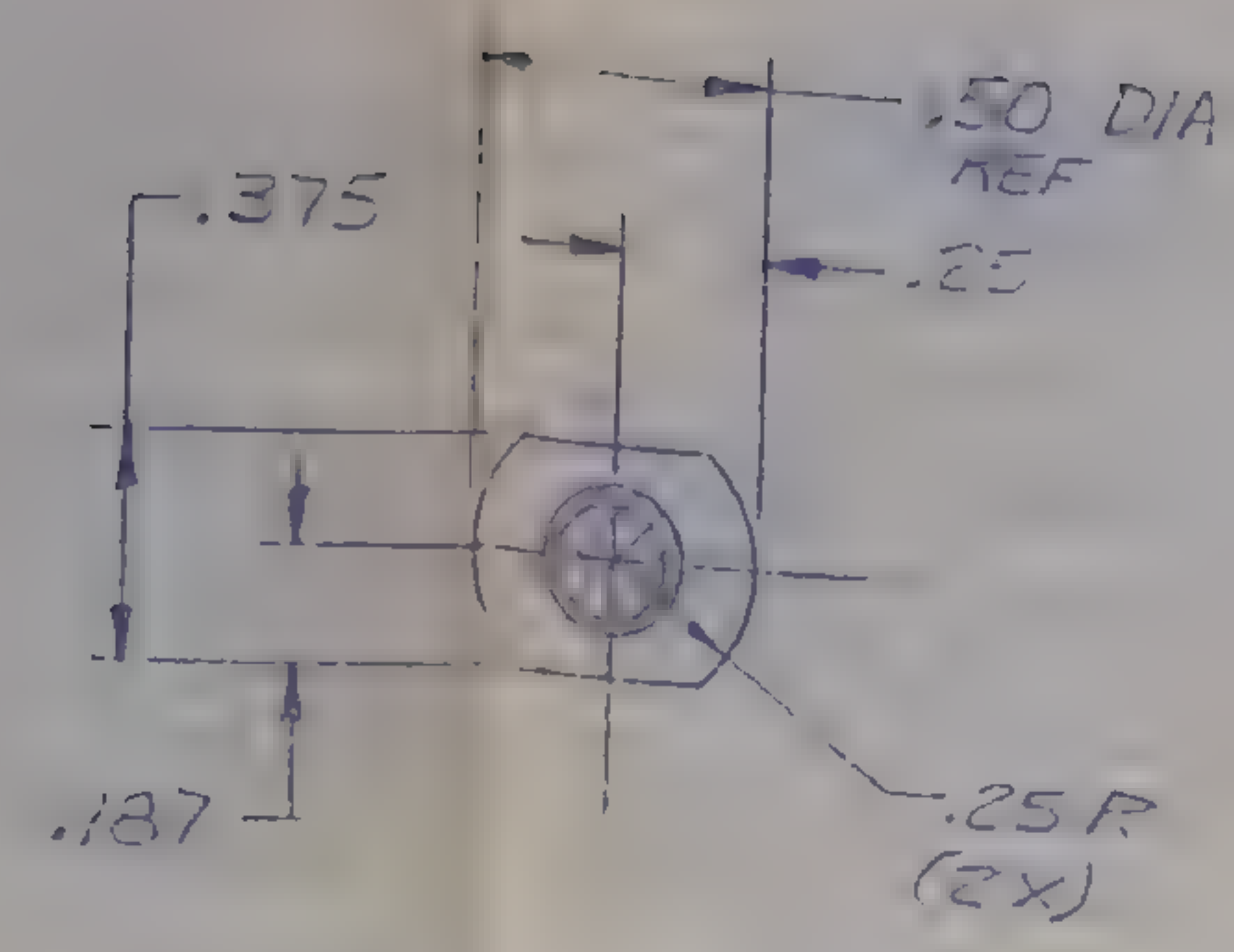




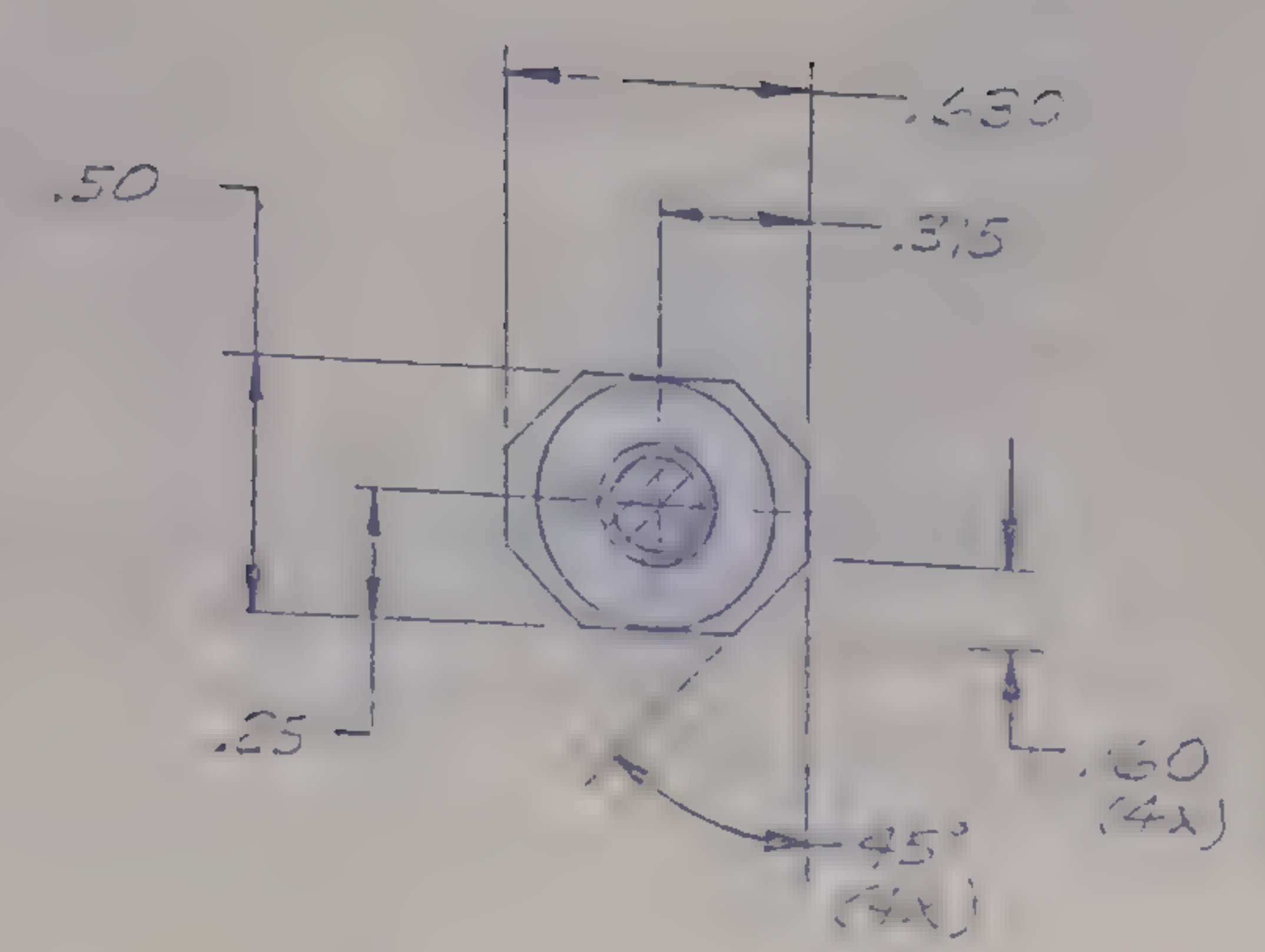
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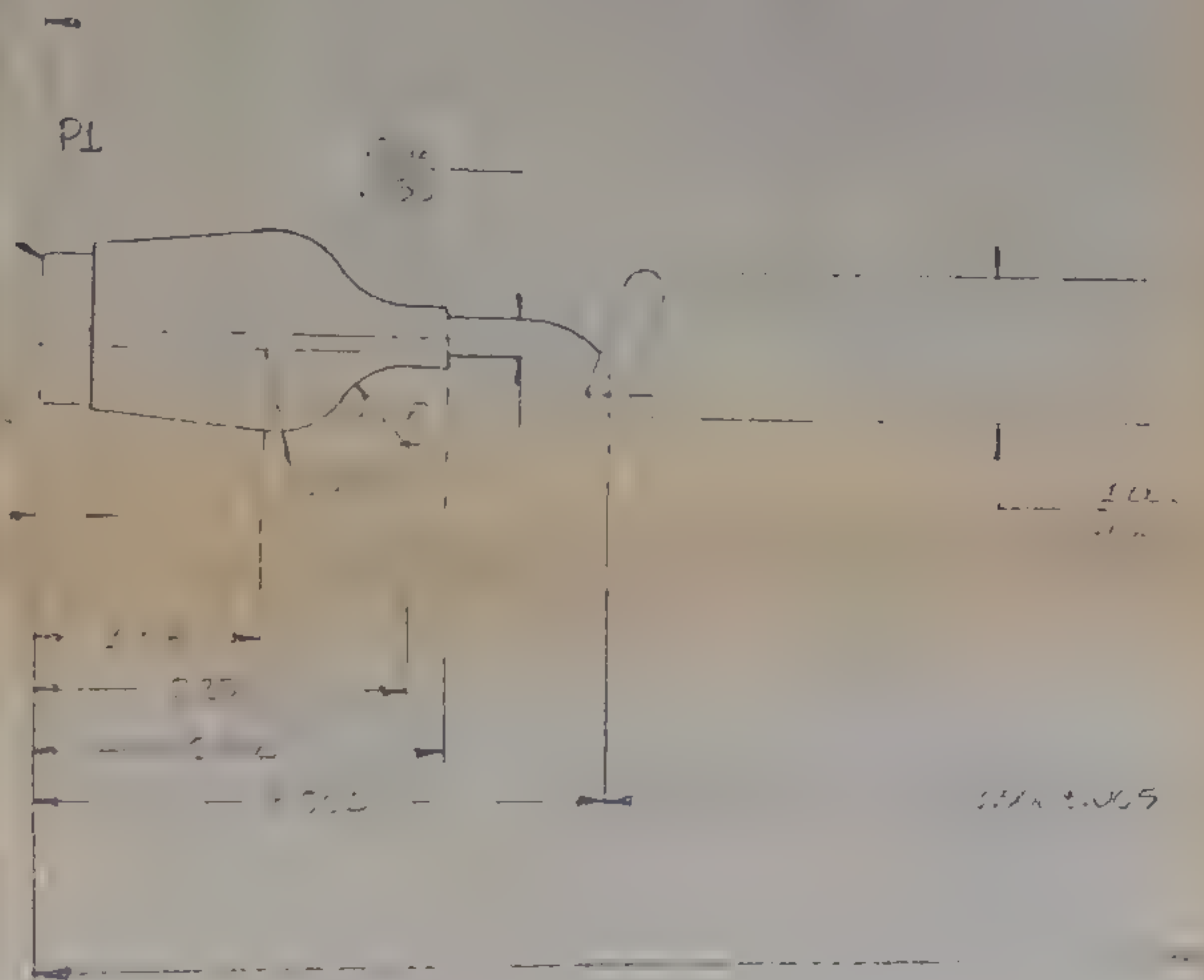
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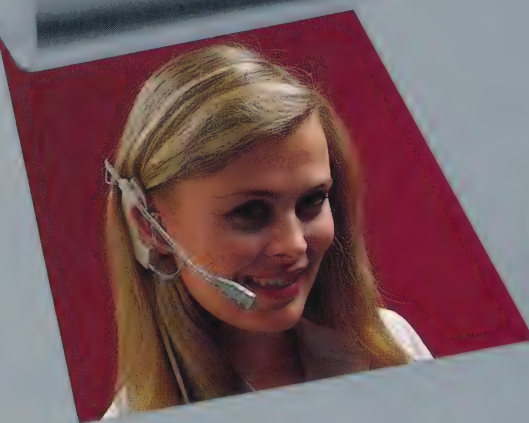
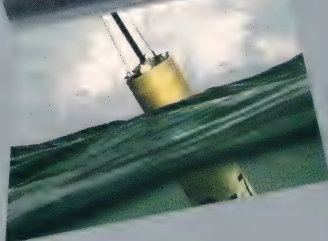






# KYNAR<sup>TM</sup> Piezo Film

A unique, flexible polymer film  
with high piezo and pyroelectric activity.



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## KYNAR™ Piezo Film—A versatile new transducer material

Piezoelectric materials, which transform a mechanical force to an electrical response and conversely, transform an electrical signal to a mechanical motion, have been known for many years. Examples are highly polar natural crystals and ceramics such as quartz and barium titanate, respectively. These materials are dense, brittle, stiff and difficult to produce in large sizes and impractical to fabricate into complex shapes. Recently, polymeric piezoelectric films have been developed. They are pliant, flexible, tough and lightweight. Of all known polymers, those based on vinylidene fluoride show the highest piezo- and pyroelectric activities. Polyvinylidene fluoride, PVDF, is the base resin used in the development of KYNAR Piezo Film by the Pennwalt Corporation. This specialty film is now available in various thicknesses for application as transducers for many industrial devices.

### Molecular structure

Polyvinylidene fluoride, PVDF, is a semi-crystalline high molecular weight polymer of repeat unit ( $\text{CH}_2\text{-CF}_2$ ) whose structure is essentially head-to-tail, i.e.  $\text{-CH}_2\text{-CF}_2\text{-(CH}_2\text{-CF}_2\text{)}_n\text{-CH}_2\text{-CF}_2\text{-}$ . PVDF is approximately 50% crystalline and 50% amorphous. The principal crystalline forms of PVDF are the highly polar  $\beta$  form and the non-polar  $\alpha$  form shown in Figure I. High piezo response

is associated with the polar  $\beta$  form in which the hydrogen and fluorine atoms are arranged to give the maximum dipole moment per unit cell. The dipole moments of the crystallites are randomly oriented with respect to each other unless the film is electrically polarized. Pennwalt produces KYNAR Piezo Film by means of carefully controlled processing steps which include mechanical orientation and treatment in an intense

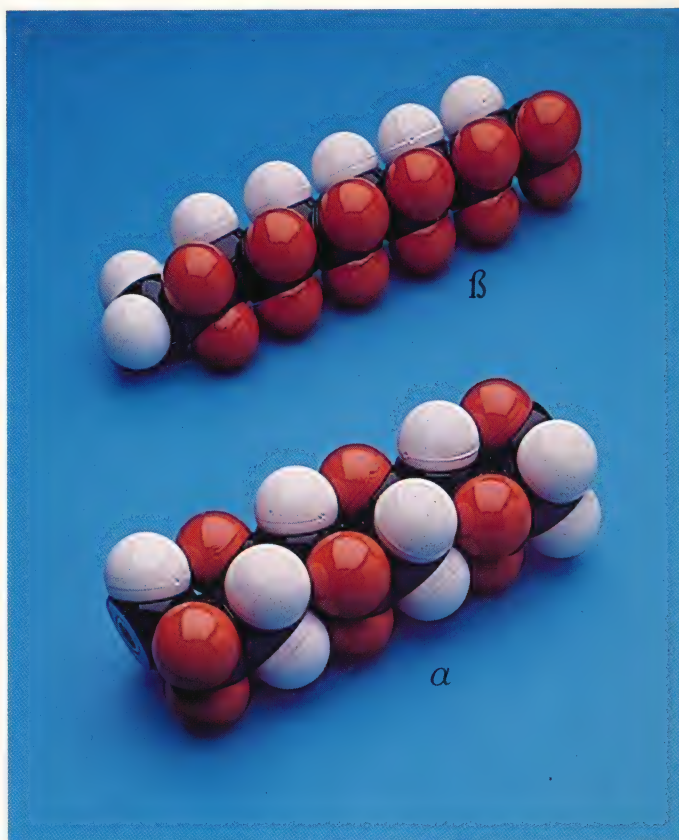


Figure I

electric field. The resulting product containing predominantly oriented  $\beta$  form crystallites exhibits a large net polarization. It is this net polarization that gives the film its high piezoelectric and pyroelectric activities.



## KYNAR Piezo Film—Unique Characteristics

The basic characteristics that make KYNAR Piezo Film unique and useful in many electronic transducer applications are:

- ☐ High pyroelectric sensitivity.
- ☐ High piezoelectric sensitivity in planar, thickness, and hydrostatic modes.
- ☐ Good fidelity throughout a broad range of frequencies.
- ☐ Low mechanical and acoustic impedance.
- ☐ High dielectric strength—much higher than ceramics.
- ☐ Resistance to moisture and high humidity.
- ☐ Tough, flexible and lightweight.
- ☐ Available as thin film—readily cut and shaped to form complex configurations.
- ☐ Easily laminated to produce bimorph and multimorph elements which multiply transducer response.
- ☐ Not subject to breakage and loss of dipolar properties when subjected to mechanical impact.

Properties of KYNAR Piezo Film and other Materials (in Length Expansion Mode)

Materials	Cut	Density $\rho$ kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Elastic Stiffness $c$ N/m <sup>2</sup>	Relative Dielectric Constant $\epsilon/\epsilon_0$	Piezoelectric Constant					Coupling Factor k calculated	Acoustic Impedance z kg/m <sup>2</sup> sec
					$d$ m/V (coul/N)	$e$ N/V m <sup>2</sup> (coul/m <sup>2</sup> )	$g$ V m/N	$h$ V/m			
Quartz	X	(10 <sup>3</sup> ) 2.65	(10 <sup>9</sup> ) 77.2	4.5	(10 <sup>-12</sup> ) 2	(10 <sup>-2</sup> ) 15	(10 <sup>-3</sup> ) 50	(10 <sup>7</sup> ) 380	(%) 10	(10 <sup>6</sup> ) 14.3	
Rocheltesalt	45°X	1.77	17.7	350	275	490	90	160	73	5.6	
PZT	Z	7.5	83.3	1200	110	920	10	90	30	30	
BaT <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Z	5.7	110	1700	78	860	5.2	60	21	30	
Kynar Film	Z	1.78	3	12	23	6.9	200	65	12	2.5	

## KYNAR Piezo Film Properties

The level of piezo activity in KYNAR Piezo Film may be readily determined by standard test methods.

The coordinate system showing the piezo constants,  $d_{31}$ ,  $d_{32}$ , and  $d_{33}$  are illustrated in Figure II. The first index (subscript 3 on  $d_{31}$ ) specifies the electrical (polar) axis. The second index (subscript 1 on  $d_{31}$ ) indicates the mechanical (stress or strain) axis. These constants along with typical basic properties of KYNAR Piezo Film are listed in Table I.

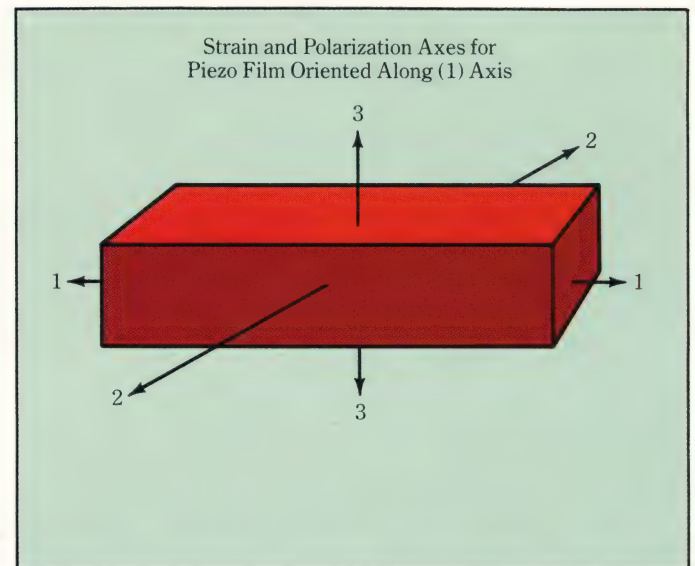


Figure II

The changes in several properties with frequency and temperatures are shown in Figures III through VI on page 3. The thermal stability of piezo activity as shown in Figure III demonstrates that after an initial decay, piezo activity becomes very stable. Most of the decay below 100°C is caused by thermally induced mechanical relaxation and is not related to depolarization effects.





Figure IV illustrates the dependence of dielectric permittivity and dissipation factor on frequency at ambient temperature. As a result of its relatively low dielectric permittivity (100 fold less than piezo ceramics), the g-constants (voltage output coefficients) of PVDF are significantly greater than those of ceramics. Thus PVDF can be made into very responsive sensors of mechanical signals.

The relationships between electrical impedance and frequency for various thicknesses of KYNAR Piezo Film, 100 sq. cm in area, are shown in Figure V. These data are important for matching film impedance to associated components in the circuit. The influence of frequency on the electro-mechanical coupling factor " $k_{31}$ " is shown in Figure VI. Although  $k_{31}$  and therefore the efficiency of energy transfer is low compared to ceramic transducers, KYNAR Piezo Film elements can be used at much higher fields than ceramics which result in desirable mechanical deflections. For example, because its dielectric strength is 70 times that of PZT ceramics, the maximum input capability for electrical energy of PVDF is 40 times greater and the corresponding output of mechanical energy is 5 times greater.

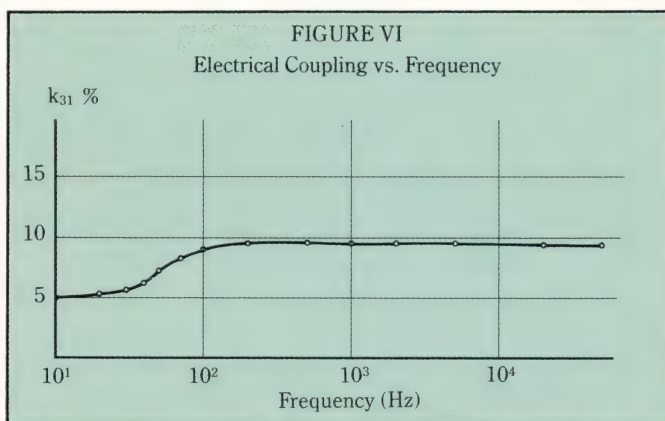
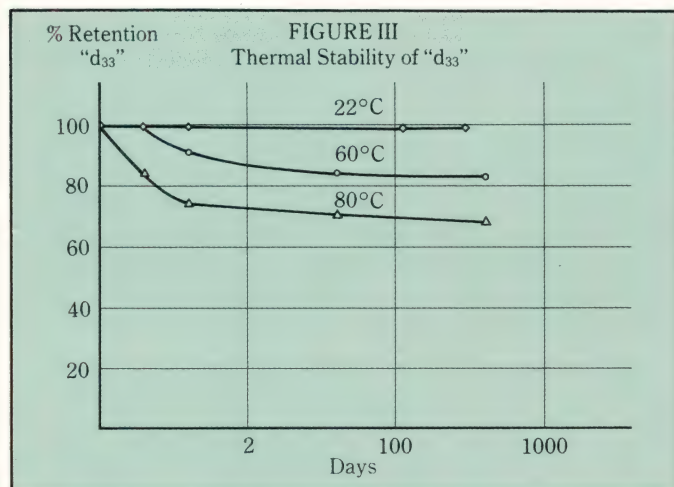
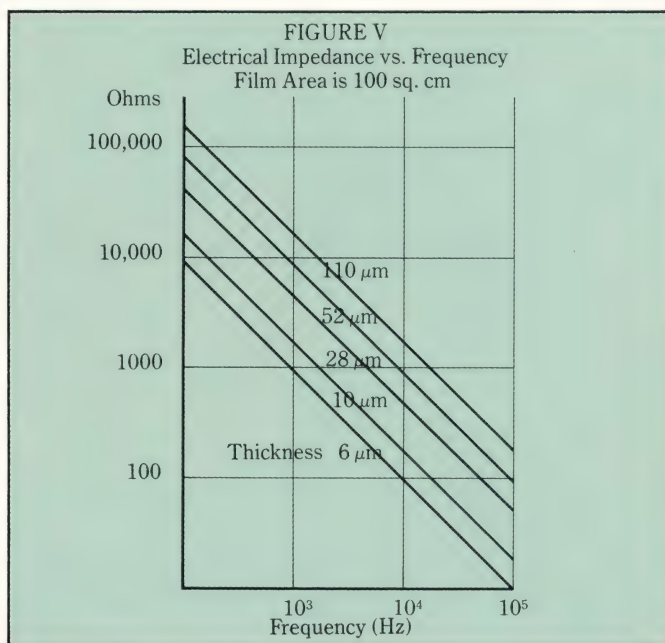
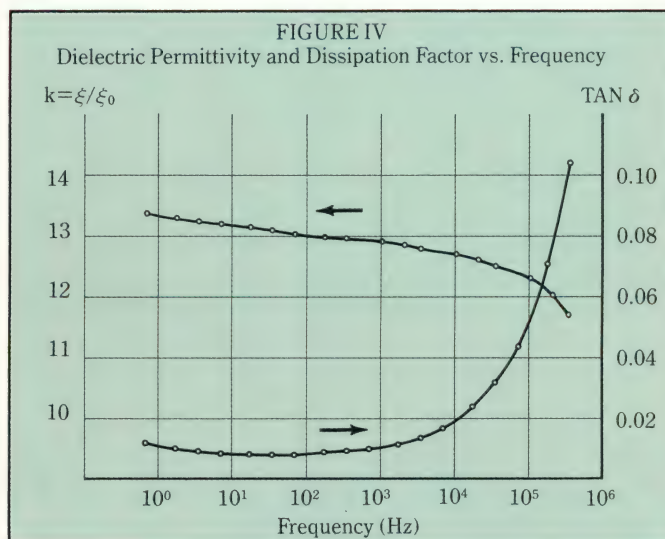




TABLE I  
TYPICAL PROPERTIES OF KYNAR PIEZO FILM

PROPERTY		VALUE	UNITS
Thickness		6-125	$\mu\text{m}$
Surface Conductivity of Metallized Film	Al	1-4	$\Omega \square^{-1}$
	Ni	10-25	
Static Piezoelectric Strain Constant	$d_{31}$	20-25	$\text{pC N}^{-1} (\text{pm V}^{-1})$
	$d_{33}^*$	20-22	
Static Voltage Output Coefficient	$g_{31}$	0.230	$\text{Vm N}^{-1}$
	$g_{33}$	0.210	
Electromechanical Coupling Factor	$k_{31}$	9-15	% at 100 Hz
Pyroelectric Coefficient	p	23-27	$\mu\text{C m}^{-2} \text{ } ^\circ\text{K}^{-1}$
Shrinkage in Machine Direction	60°C	2	% after annealing 100 hrs.
	80°C	4	
Relative Dielectric Permittivity	$\epsilon / \epsilon_0$	$12 \pm 1$	at 1000 Hz
Dielectric Loss Factor	$\tan \delta$	0.015-0.02	at 1000 Hz
Volume Resistivity	$\rho$	$10^{13}$	$\Omega\text{m}$
Tensile Strength at Yield	MD**	—	$10^6 \text{Nm}^{-2}$
	TD**	40-110	
Tensile Strength at Break	MD	160-330	$10^6 \text{Nm}^{-2}$
	TD	30-55	
Elongation at Break	MD	25-40	%
	TD	380-430	
Young's Modulus of Elasticity = Elastic Stiffness = $c^E$	MD	1.5-3	$10^9 \text{Nm}^{-2}$
	TD	1.1-2.4	
Melting Point		165-180	$^\circ\text{C}$
Flammability, LOI		44	%O <sub>2</sub>
Thermal Conductivity		0.13	$\text{W m}^{-1} \text{ } ^\circ\text{K}^{-1}$
Specific Heat		2.5	$\text{MJ m}^{-3} \text{ } ^\circ\text{K}^{-1}$
Density		1.8	$\text{g (cm)}^{-3}$
Thermal Expansion Coefficient		1.4	$10^{-4} \text{ } ^\circ\text{K}^{-1}$
Sound Velocity***		1.5-2.2	$\text{kms}^{-1}$

\*measurements were made in hydraulic press ( $e_{33}/c_{33}$ ) \*\*MD = Machine Direction (1) and TD = Transverse Direction to film orientation (2)

\*\*\*longitudinal and thickness modes.





**Audio Applications:** as the active element in microphones and stereo pickups, and in speakers and headphones, KYNAR Piezo Film affords lightweight, compact design, easy formability to desired geometry, and high fidelity response. It has low acoustic and mechanical impedance and is well-suited for the design of noise-cancelling microphones.

**Switching Components:** as patterned switch elements in "finger-pressure touch action" keyboards and key pads for typewriters, telephones and computer terminals, KYNAR Piezo Film has virtually unlimited

life. Such switches have been tested for millions of operations without failure. These elements are also useful in impact detectors, coin sensing systems, and actuators for explosives.

**Instrumentation:** as sensors for instruments used to monitor vibration, deformation, acceleration, pressure, fluid flow, and seismic pulses. In medical applications as sensors for monitoring heartbeat, breathing, and blood flow.



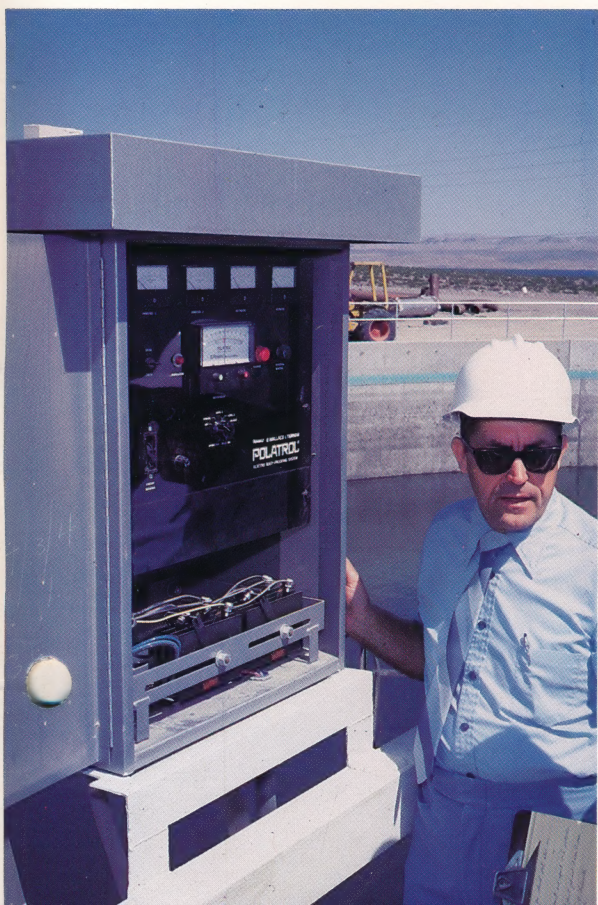


**Ultrasonic Sensing:** because its acoustic impedance is close to that of water and body tissue, KYNAR Piezo Film is an excellent choice for applications in medical imaging equipment. It is also being evaluated for non-destructive testing instruments and for range-finding systems.

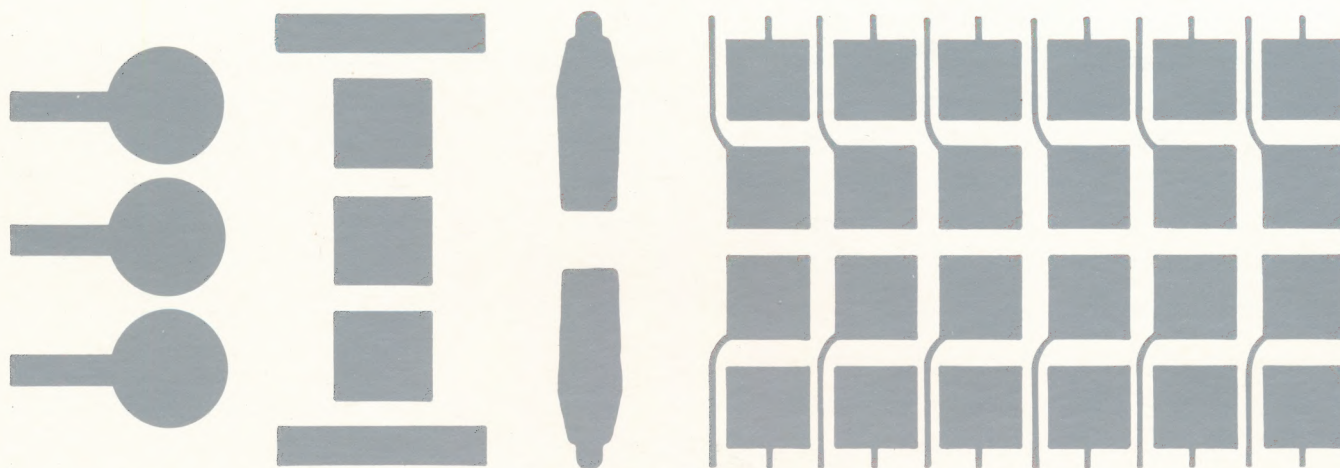
**Underwater Sound Detection:** as large, flexible elements for hydrophones, sonobuoys and towed arrays used for submarine detection and oil exploration.

**Heat sensors:** because of its excellent electrical response to incident infra-red radiation, KYNAR Piezo Film is used in intrusion and fire alarms, heat scanners, and pyroelectric energy control systems. It also shows promise for applications in infra-red imaging equipment and electrostatic copying.

**Flexure-mode Transducers:** as bimorph constructions in motion displays, "motorless" fans, pumps, shutters and position sensors.







### Film Thickness

KYNAR Piezo Film can be supplied in a range of thicknesses, from a few microns to several hundred microns.

Thin films are recommended where a high efficiency of conversion of electrical signals into mechanical motion is needed as in headphones, speakers, and bimorph designs utilizing the  $d_{31}$  mode. Thin film is also preferred for pyroelectric applications where rapid response is required.

Thick films are recommended in applications where a voltage is generated by thickness change or hydrostatic pressure. An example is sonar transducers for underwater sound detection.

### Bimorph Elements

KYNAR Piezo Film is readily laminated into bimorph stacks, which increase the mechanical motion generated in cantilever devices. Either series or parallel arrangements can be used. This technique is also applicable to sensors as a means of multiplying electrical output.

### KYNAR Piezo Film is available in the following forms and styles:

- ☐ Continuous rolls
- ☐ Sheets
- ☐ Various thicknesses
- ☐ Unmetallized and metallized surfaces
- ☐ Custom-metallized patterns (above)
- ☐ Specialized elements to customer specifications

Pennwalt is supplying KYNAR Piezo Film and customized elements to companies throughout the world for use in commercially available products as well as for many new products under development.

For further information and technical service contact the KYNAR Piezo Group, Pennwalt Corporation, 900 First Avenue, P.O. Box C, King of Prussia, PA 19406-0018, (215) 337-6750 or call toll free (800) 345-8112; in Pennsylvania, (800) 662-2444.



# KYNAR™ PIEZO FILM

KYNAR™ Piezo Film brings you a combination of characteristics never before available: a flexible film with the highest piezoelectric and pyroelectric activity of any polymer, available in large sheet sizes, easy to form into complex shapes, and free of the limitations of



fragile, brittle and hard-to-fabricate crystals and ceramics.

No wonder KYNAR Piezo Film is being used successfully in applications such as these:

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**Switches.** Keyboards and keypads for typewriters, telephones, computer terminals. High resistance to impact and fatigue means film won't shatter or deform over millions of touch operations.

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heartbeat, and measuring respiration and blood flow.

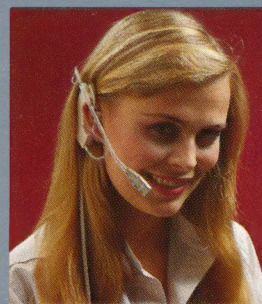
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